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LP Response to Terrorism

The following statement was issued by James W. Lark III, chairman of the Libertarian Party, in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks:

On behalf of the Libertarian Party, I wish to express our profound sorrow and grief for the tragic loss of life and suffering caused by Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Our hearts go out to the victims and their grieving families and friends. Nothing we say can ease the devastation and sense of loss they feel — and that every other American shares — but we stand with them in mourning the loss of friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, loved ones, and fellow citizens.

The Libertarian Party condemns the vicious and barbaric attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. There is no excuse for such savage acts. No legitimate political or religious ideology can justify the murder of thousands of innocent people.

These actions, and the revulsion they cause to all decent people around the world, demonstrate in the starkest way possible that the initiation of force is never an appropriate way to settle political or social differences. The result of such violence is more hatred, more grieving relatives and friends, more tombstones — and, ultimately, more violence.

Libertarians unequivocally reject the initiation of force as a solution to the disagreements between people and between governments.

The Libertarian Party calls for justice to be meted out to the terrorists responsible for the attacks. However, we encourage the United States government to be sure that any response is appropriate and measured. Action should not be taken that will cause innocent people in other countries to be killed because of the actions of terrorists. Such a response would only continue the cycle of violence and revenge.

The Libertarian Party calls on all Libertarians to aid our fellow Americans who have suffered from this horrible tragedy: Donate blood for the victims fighting for their lives in hospitals in New York and Washington, DC. Contribute to the charities that will assist the families and relatives. If you live near where the attacks took place, volunteer to assist in rescue or recovery efforts, as appropriate. And if you know any of the victims' families, offer solace and support in any way you can. Now is a time for all Libertarians to stand together to help those who are suffering.

The Libertarian Party calls on all Americans to act with

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By Jim Lark,
National Chair

National Committee votes to approve strategic plan

On 15-1 vote, preliminary OK is given to ambitious agenda

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

The Libertarian National Committee has given preliminary approval to a sweeping strategic plan that could chart the political course of the Libertarian Party for the next three years.

At its August 25-26 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, the LNC endorsed the strategic "framework" on a 15-1 vote.

The plan, the product of six months of work by the party's Strategic Planning Team, lays out six major goals and 20 strategies for the Libertarian Party over a one-, two-, and three-year time frame.

The strategic plan is intended to unite LP members behind a coherent set of strategies, and help the Libertarian Party become more of a significant force in American politics, said LP National Chair James W. Lark.

"My hope is that implementation of the strategic plan will help us improve our efforts to accomplish the [political] mission of the LP," he said.



■ LP National Chair James W. Lark (center) counts votes at the Libertarian National Committee meeting in Las Vegas, where the LNC voted to approve the party's strategic plan.

The Strategic Plan calls for the party to focus on six major strategic goals:

■ Increase the number of Libertarians holding public office.

■ Strengthen Libertarian state and local organizations.

■ Increase the Libertarian Party's support base — members, See **STRATEGIC PLAN** Page 16

SPECIAL FEATURE

Liberty's best websites

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Internet is crawling with Libertarians.

Just try joining a political discussion forum on the Web without encountering someone touting the message of individual liberty and personal responsibility — you'll find it about as easy as Gary Condit trying to avoid the media cameras.



Given the level of browser-related activity in the LP, we thought it would be helpful to

compile a list of websites that every self-respecting Libertarian should have at their fingertips before blasting off into cyberspace.

What did it take to make it onto this Top Ten list?

Of course, every website on the list has a distinct libertarian orientation. That's a given. They also feature a broad scope of content and at least one striking or

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NewsBriefs

Mass. tax-cut initiative gets first OK

A Libertarian initiative to repeal the Massachusetts state income tax and save Bay State taxpayers \$9 billion a year has been officially certified for inclusion on the November 2002 state election ballot.

On September 5, state Attorney General Tom Reilly announced the "Small Government Act to End the Income Tax" had met constitutional requirements for inclusion on the ballot.

Potential LP gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell, whose Committee for Small Government is spearheading the initiative, said she was pleased with the decision.

"We're excited that Massachusetts taxpayers will have the opportunity to vote for a key plank in the Libertarian platform," she said. "The Small Government Act will be a long overdue windfall for Massachusetts families."

If approved by voters, said Howell, the Small Government Act (SGA) would eliminate the state's current 5% tax on wages, the 5% tax on interest and dividends, and the up-to-12% tax on capital gains — resulting in an estimated savings of \$2,000 per year for the average taxpayer.

"[The measure is] probably the largest percentage slash in [state] government and taxation proposed in the United States since the end of World War II," she said.

However, Howell said getting the measure on the ballot will be no easy task. Proponents of the SGA must collect 57,100 certified signatures of Massachusetts residents by December 1.

L. Neil Smith novel wins SF award

Forge of the Elders by L. Neil Smith has won the 2001 Prometheus Award for best libertarian science fiction novel of the year.

The award was announced by the Libertarian Futurist Society (LFS) at the Philadelphia Worldcon world science fiction convention on September 2.

The novel, published by Baen Books, concerns the culture clash between a human expedition to an asteroid, and the aliens they find when they arrive, said LFS spokesman Michael Grossberg.

"The twist is that the aliens are anarchist individualists with a sophisticated culture, while the humans were sent by a monolithic socialist/communist world government," he said.

Smith has won the Prometheus Award twice before, for *The Probability Broach* (1984), and for *Pallas* (1994).

The Prometheus award honors "outstanding science fiction/fantasy that explores the possibilities of a free future, champions human rights, [and] dramatizes the perennial conflict between individuals and coercive governments," said Grossberg.

The award was established in 1979, and has been presented annually since 1982 at the World Science Fiction Convention.

LNC seeks '02 committee members

The National LP is accepting applications for the Platform, Credentials, and Bylaws committees for the 2002 national convention.

Committee members will play an "integral role" at the convention, which will be held in Indianapolis on July 3-7, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"Every committee member gets to debate issues of importance to the party and have his or her voice heard," he said. "It's guaranteed to be a lively and interesting experience."

Committee members are appointed by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) or by the LP's largest state affiliates. The LNC will appoint its slate of committee members at its December 8-9 meeting. Available committee positions include:

■ **Platform Committee.** (20 members: 10 selected by the LNC; 10 by state parties). Committee members generally meet for two days prior to the convention to propose changes or additions to platform planks. Committee-approved planks are then presented to convention delegates for consideration.

■ **Bylaws Committee.** (10 members, all chosen by the LNC). This committee proposes changes to the party's bylaws, the governing document of the party.

■ **Credentials Committee.** (10 members, five selected by the LNC; five by state parties). This committee meets one day prior to the convention, and decides which delegates are accredited.

To be considered for any committee position, send a brief bio (one page) and qualifications to Steve Dasbach by November 19. All submissions will be presented to the LNC.

E-mail: SteveDasbach@hq.LP.org. Or fax: (202) 333-0072. Or mail: 2600 Virginia Ave. NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20037.



Ken Bisson named LNC vice chair; Don Gorman wins at-large position

Special election held to fill vacant spots

The Libertarian National Committee has a new vice chair and a new at-large member.

At its August 25-26 meeting in Las Vegas, the LNC elected Ken Bisson of Indiana as its new vice chair. Bisson defeated Don Gorman, a former New Hampshire legislator, by a vote of 10-7.

Later, Gorman was elected to fill Bisson's vacant at-large position.

"I am very pleased my colleagues elected me to the vice chair position earlier than I had planned," said Bisson. "I was going to run for vice chair at the 2002 convention — and I still will — but now I have an opportunity to get myself established in the position and provide support for our current chair."

Fylstra resigned

Bisson replaces former Vice Chair Dan Fylstra, who resigned in July, citing difficulty balancing his LNC responsibilities with his two jobs in the high-tech sector. LNC vacancies are filled by a majority vote of National Committee members.

As vice chair, Bisson said he will work to continue the party's ongoing process of "professionalization."

"[LP National Director] Steve Dasbach started making this organization into a really professional outfit," he said. "I think it's incumbent on the LNC to continue to build on that foundation, so we can convince the public that the LP is a real alternative to the two major parties."

"Also, I believe it is important for us to continue to work on the [Strategic Planning Team] work product, which is a work-in-progress. We need to take the plan to state chairs across the country and cement support for it."

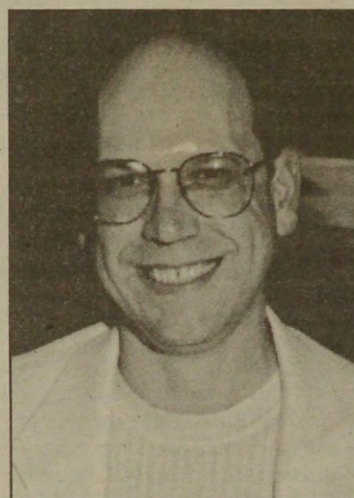
Medical director

Professionally, Bisson works as the medical director of Cameron Hospital in Steuben County. He is also the president of a corporation that provides trained staff for medical facilities.

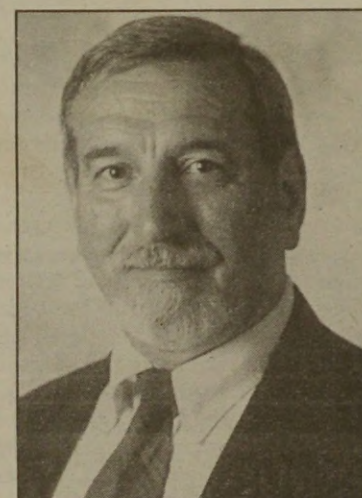
A member of the LP since 1985, Bisson ran for Indiana State Representative in 1988, and for U.S. House in 1996. He was elected to the LNC in 1998 as the Region 3 representative, and in 2000 as an at-large member.

Meanwhile, Gorman defeated South Carolina LP Chair Chuck Williams for the vacant at-large spot by a vote of 13-5, joining four other at-large members.

Although a "bit disappointed" not to have been elected vice chair, Gorman said he is nevertheless



■ **LNC Vice Chair Ken Bisson:** Party must continue process of "professionalization."



■ **LNC At-Large Member Don Gorman:** Party should focus on local, winnable races.

pleased to serve on the LNC.

"Ken Bisson had prior experience on the LNC, and I know from my years in the New Hampshire legislature how important experience can be," he said. "When push came to shove, you didn't rely on the freshmen, you relied on the veterans, and no one can fault you for that."

Forge alliances

Gorman, who served as one of four Libertarians in the New Hampshire legislature during the 1990s, said he provides an ability to "forge alliances" between members with different visions for the party.

Gorman also said he believes the LNC has followed an "erroneous path" over the past several years, albeit with good intentions. It is important that the party change its direction from a national focus, he said, to a focus on local, winnable races.

"I just can't get into this rah-rah cheerleading mentality, as

though the LP is going to elect a president in 2004," he said. "I'm much more interested in the guy who is running for, say, county fire district warden. That guy has a real shot to win, and that builds the party's credibility."

"There are tens of thousands of elected positions like that one all over the country," he said. "I'd like to see them all filled with Libertarians."

Professionally, Gorman has held a number of jobs, including operating a high-rise waterproofing company, serving as a merchant marine captain, teaching firearms safety, and operating a chimney-cleaning service.

After serving in the New Hampshire legislature as a Republican in the 1970s, Gorman was re-elected as a Libertarian in 1992. He remained in office for two terms, until 1996.

He currently serves as the chair of the Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment and as the town's Trustee of the Trust Funds.



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LP joins coalition to sound alarm about Drug Czar privacy threat

The Libertarian Party has joined a coalition to warn Congress that President George W. Bush's proposed new Drug Czar is a threat to privacy.

LP National Director Steve Dasbach signed a letter to Congress and appeared at a press conference to express concern about the appointment of John Walters as the new director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

At the press conference, held September 10 in Washington, DC, Dasbach said the appointment of Walters — who is generally seen as a hard-liner on the War on Drugs — would only fuel the government's growing war on privacy.

Either/or

"Politicians want you to believe that the drug war and privacy rights can coexist," he said. "But as millions of Americans have already figured out, the drug war presents this nation with an either/or proposition: You can either have privacy, or a War on Drugs. But you can't have both."

"So here's the question that we should all be asking John Walters: Mr. Walters, why should my Constitutional rights take a back seat to the government's effort to stop other people from doing drugs?"

Also speaking at the press conference — which was organized by the Free Congress Foundation's Coalition for Constitutional Liberties —

STEVE DASBACH:

"You can either have privacy or a War on Drugs. You can't have both."

tutional Liberties — were J. Bradley Jansen (Free Congress Foundation), Tom DeWeese (American Policy Center), and Eric E. Sterling (the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation).

The purpose of the press conference was to "raise questions about the War on Drugs' impact on privacy and other civil liberties at the hearing to consider John Walters' confirmation as the new Drug Czar," said Jansen.

Walters' hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee had been scheduled for September 11.

The Coalition for Constitutional Liberties also released a letter, signed by more than 50 organizations, expressing unease about Walters' nomination.

"The letter makes it clear that it is not intended to support nor oppose Walters' nomination," said Jansen. "Rather, the coalition wants to ensure that the members of the Judiciary Committee are fully acquainted with the threat

posed to civil liberties by the current approach to the War on Drugs.

"Specifically, it is seeking assurances that the next director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy will implement the needed reforms to prevent the War on Drugs from escalating into a full-fledged assault on our privacy and other civil liberties."

Such government attacks on privacy include racial profiling, the Carnivore/DCS1000 e-mail surveillance system, the "Know Your Customer" bank-spying proposal, asset forfeiture abuses, and the drug war's "sometimes corrupting influence on law enforcement itself," said the letter.

Skepticism

The Coalition for Constitutional Liberties also expressed skepticism about the growing use of wiretaps and other electronic surveillance.

"The extent to which our drug policy drives government surveillance and invasion of privacy is especially clear in the case of wiretaps," said the letter. "Three quarters of all wiretaps are authorized for narcotics investigations. The Administrative Office of the United States Courts reports that approximately 80% of conversations intercepted on wiretaps are innocent communications."

The letter urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to "raise these issues with Mr. Walters and



■ Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach speaks at a press conference in Washington, DC. The event was sponsored by the Coalition for Constitutional Liberties.

ask for assurances that he will reform the conduct of the drug war in order to address these problems and ensure that drug policies respect the privacy and other civil liberties of all Americans."

Signing the letter with the Libertarian Party were Americans for Tax Reform, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Small Business Survival Committee, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Americans for Freedom, the Independent Institute, the Coali-

tion on Urban Renewal & Education, and CatholicVote.org.

Dasbach said the Libertarian Party joined the coalition because it was one more opportunity for Libertarians to express opposition to the War on Drugs.

"We don't just reject drug prohibition because it attacks privacy," he said. "That's only one of a hundred reasons why the LP has led the fight against the War on Drugs."

"However, it is a reason that will resonate with many Americans, and we're happy to add our voice to this coalition."

Virginia LP wins right to partisan ballot labels

Virginia Libertarians have won a lawsuit to permit LP candidates to have the "Libertarian" label listed on the 2001 state election ballot — instead of the generic "Independent," as state law had previously mandated.

On August 16, U.S. District Judge Robert E. Payne signed a consent decree to settle the lawsuit, which had been filed by Libertarians and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In the decree, State Board of Elections Secretary Cameron P. Quinn agreed to list the party affiliation of every third-party candidate, and reimburse the LP for \$25,000 in legal fees.

The decision means that Bill Redpath, LP candidate for governor, and Gary Reams, LP candidate for lieutenant governor, will appear on the ballot this November as Libertarians.

Virginia LP Chair Marc

Montoni said the unexpected ruling was a major victory for the party.

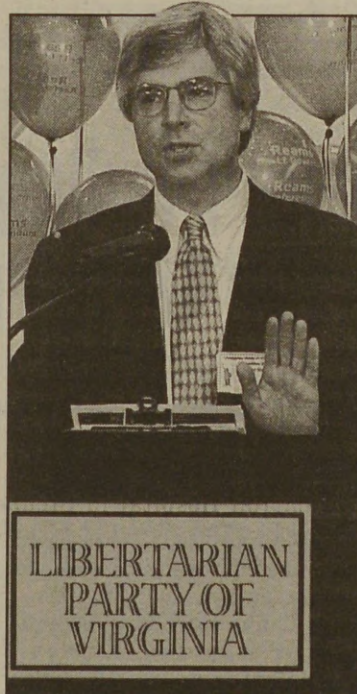
"I have been in the Virginia LP for 20 years, and we have filed several cases in that time," he said. "This marks the first time the Virginia LP has ever won a ballot-access lawsuit."

Major players

"As for impact, I think it's an important ratcheting-up of establishing our identity better with the voters. Every step we take to look more like major players in the political process makes us more credible to people casting ballots."

Reams also applauded the decision.

"We Libertarians are proud of our political point of view and want to establish our own 'brand' awareness with voters," he said. "The older parties should not be afraid to compete with our new



■ Gubernatorial candidate Bill Redpath: "We had legal precedent on our side."

brand. We want the voters to make an informed decision in every election."

Filed at the U.S. District Court in Richmond on July 23, the suit had challenged a law restrict-

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LNC passes resolution censuring Perry Willis

After a contentious and sometimes heated discussion, the Libertarian National Committee has voted to formally censure Perry Willis for violating party policy when he was national director in 1996.

The LNC also voted to not do business with any organizations owned or controlled by Willis, or to allow him to rent the party's mailing list or advertise in LP News, for five years.

The resolution was passed on an 11-3 vote (with three abstentions) at the LNC's meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 26. It was approved after a stronger resolution — that would have imposed a lifetime business ban on Willis — failed on an 8-8 tie vote.

Willis, who served as LP national director from 1993-1997, acknowledged in May that he had secretly written fundraising letters for the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign.

KEN BISSON:

"The LNC rejects the Willis deception completely."

The work was in violation of a 1995 LNC resolution that specifically prohibited Willis from accepting such outside work. It was also in violation of a party policy that bans LP office staff from attempting to influence the outcome of a contested nomination.

LP National Vice Chair Ken Bisson said the resolution censuring Willis was intended to send a

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Political News

Discover Liberty: 5 states hit goals

The number of states that have met their outreach goals for the Discover Liberty project is now up to five, reported Sharon Harris, Advocates for Self-Government president. In August and September, Montana, Washington state, Vermont, and Alaska surpassed their Discover Liberty targets. They joined New Hampshire, which accomplished the feat in July. "That's remarkable since the program only began on June 30," said Harris. "Congratulations to all who took part."

Discover Liberty — described as "the largest one-on-one, face-to-face libertarian outreach effort in history" — is a project of the Advocates for Self-Government. Its goal is to coordinate 2,000 Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) outreach booths in all 50 states over a 12-month period.

States are assigned Discover Liberty outreach goals based on their population, said Harris. Over the last two months, Montana hit its quota of five outreach booths, along with Vermont (5), Alaska (5), and Washington state (41).

Thirty-three states are now actively participating in Discover Liberty, said Harris. However, coordinators and volunteers are still being sought in the remaining states.

"The goal is to have 50-state OPH status," she said. "We still need volunteers in every state to help make Discover Liberty the great breakthrough for liberty that we believe it can be."

For more information about Discover Liberty visit: www.DiscoverLiberty.org. Or call the Advocates: (800) 932-1776.

Poll: 34% may vote for Ed Thompson

Potential LP candidate for governor in Wisconsin Ed Thompson got some good news and bad news in a recent poll.

The good news is that 34% of state residents would consider voting for a third-party candidate like Thompson.

The bad news is that 44% say they wouldn't. Another 22% don't know, or wouldn't answer.

The survey of 600 people was conducted by Chamberlain Research for the Tavern League of Wisconsin in late July, and had a margin of error of about 4%.

Thompson, who currently serves as the mayor of Tomah and recently formed a gubernatorial exploratory committee, said he was "surprised, but not totally shocked" by the results.

"I've been traveling from the State Fair to Hurley and from La Crosse to Milwaukee, and people are telling me they are very interested [in a possible campaign]," he said. "People are so sick of the Republicrats they would vote for Genghis Khan."

Thompson said he expects to announce by the end of 2001 whether he will run for the position formerly held by his brother, Republican Tommy Thompson.

If he runs, Thompson said his goal is to raise about \$600,000 before the election in November 2002. And if he runs, he expects to win, said the 56-year-old restaurateur.

"You've heard the story of David and Goliath?" he asked. "Well, Goliath is getting ready to fall again. We're going to win."



■ **Thompson:** 34% may vote.

LP signs agreement with Zogby polls

The Libertarian Party has entered into a partnership with Zogby International, one of the world's leading polling firms, in a venture that will result in free polling data for the LP.

For every 500 Libertarians who sign up to be a part of an online polling population at zogby.com/LP.org, Zogby has pledged to include one explicitly Libertarian question in a future national survey.

"We're excited by the chance to work with Zogby Interactive, the Internet extension of the famous Zogby International organization, to provide [Libertarians] this opportunity and outlet to express [their] views, hopes, and opinions on an array of topics," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger.

The agreement was reached on August 29, and an e-mail was sent to the LP "Announce List" informing list subscribers of the project. Since then, more than 2,000 Libertarians have signed up to participate in the effort, he said, earning the LP four free survey questions. Purchasing a question on a Zogby nationwide poll normally costs about \$1,000.

"If we can earn enough survey questions, we'll also be able to test different ways of marketing our issues to see what methods hit a responsive chord with the public," said Crickenberger.

Every Libertarian who registers at zogby.com/LP.org will receive an e-mail notification of two polls per month, he said, and personal information will be kept completely confidential.

Thompson, Masters, and Howell set as '02 Convention speakers

First speakers for Indianapolis event

Three of the LP's most exciting political personalities — two of whom will likely have a major impact in upcoming state-wide races — have been confirmed as speakers at the 2002 national convention in Indianapolis.

Potential gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell of Massachusetts, gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson of Wisconsin, and Sheriff Bill Masters of Colorado will speak at the July 3-7, 2002 convention, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"We're off to a great start," he said. "So far, we have three of the LP's most exciting political candidates lined up to speak — all of whom are major figures within the party."

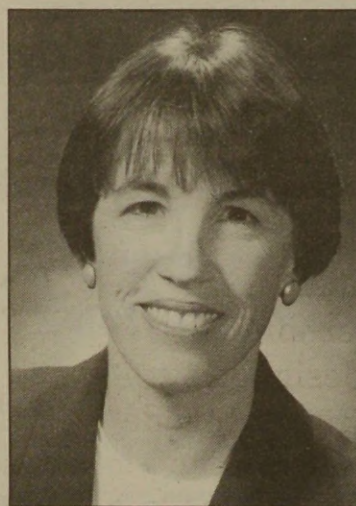
Unique story

Each of the three speakers has a unique story to tell, said Dasbach — and unique insights about the political process.

■ **Carla Howell** first got her feet wet as a candidate in 1998, winning 102,198 votes for state auditor with a budget of just \$8,000.

Then, in a fiery 2000 U.S. Senate campaign against incumbent Democrat Ted Kennedy, Howell won 308,860 votes — making that campaign the most successful U.S. Senate campaign in LP history.

Howell's Committee for Small Government is now spearheading an initiative to repeal the Massa-



■ **Carla Howell:** In 2000, she ran the LP's most successful U.S. Senate campaign.

chusetts state income tax, an effort that would allow Bay State taxpayers to save \$9 billion annually.

With endorsements from *Boston Globe* columnist Jeff Jacoby and the Gun Owners Action League in 2000, Howell is also gearing up for a probable run for governor in 2002.

"Carla Howell's 2000 Senate campaign brought the Libertarian label to thousands of voters who had never before heard of the Libertarian Party," said Dasbach. "Her 2002 gubernatorial campaign should be even more exciting, given her high level of name recognition in the state and her additional campaign experience."

■ **Ed Thompson** came into the Libertarian fold about a year ago, after he was charged with op-



■ **Bill Masters:** He's been an outspoken critic of the War on Drugs for 23 years.

erating nickel-slot video gambling machines — a felony in the state of Wisconsin — out of his Tee Pee Supper Club. He successfully fought the charges, and the district attorney who prosecuted him was later voted out of office.

Won election

After joining the Libertarian Party, the 56-year-old restaurateur and U.S. Navy veteran won election as the mayor of Tomah, a town of about 15,000 people.

Now he's eying the governor's mansion, formerly the residence of his brother, Tommy Thompson, who resigned to serve as Health and Human Services Secretary.

Thompson has already met with Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura to talk about his probable

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Court ruling (finally) settles debate over LP's 'real' affiliate in Arizona

After years of legal wrangling between two rival LP factions, an Arizona court of appeals has ended the battle over which group is the "official" state organization.

On August 16, a three-judge panel unanimously ruled that the Arizona Libertarian Party, Inc. — the faction recognized by the national LP as its state affiliate — should also be recognized by the state government as the legitimate LP state party. The decision reversed a lower-court ruling.

"This decision has been a long-time coming," said John Zajac, secretary of Arizona LP Inc. "The past months have been extremely frustrating for us. I'm relieved it's over now."

Tim McDermott, who served as the secretary for the maverick Arizona LP — which had been for-

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"This decision has been a long time coming. I'm relieved it's over."

merly recognized by the state — said that group will not try to appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court.

"Since the case upholds the state's alleged 'right' to control political parties, and they are not likely to concede it back, we feel that an appeal is a waste of time," he said.

In addition, he said, the state Supreme Court only accepts about 7% of cases filed, making any appeal unlikely to be successful.

The decision is an important one for Libertarians in other states, said Zajac, because it will change who selects Arizona electors during presidential elections — an issue that caused a great deal of controversy during last year's election.

Maverick LP

In 2000, the maverick Arizona LP placed science-fiction author L. Neil Smith on the Arizona ballot as the party's presidential candidate, instead of Harry Browne. Under a previous court ruling, that group had control over who could be named to the state ballot.

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Will Carla Howell's Libertarian Campaign Topple a Sitting Republican Governor?

The #1 Libertarian Campaign for Governor in America

Carla Howell's Libertarian Campaign for Governor of Massachusetts is designed to engineer the greatest statewide growth in Libertarian voter registration, Libertarian Party membership, and Libertarian Party volunteers in LP History.

Carla Howell is ready to win the highest vote total, highest vote percentage, and the best results for Governor in Libertarian Party history.

Why is this possible?

Proven Credibility.

40% Name Recognition for Carla Howell. Polling has shown that over 1,480,000 voters in Massachusetts know the name "Carla Howell."

We can build on 40% name recognition. Make people familiar and comfortable with Carla Howell. Because successful campaigns begin with personal credibility.

Carla Howell is a Powerful and Persuasive Libertarian Public Speaker. She gave her "small government is beautifulSM" Libertarian campaign speech hundreds of times in 1999 and 2000.

To over 46,000 people at MassCann NORML's Freedom Festival on the Boston Common. To Gun Clubs. Homeschoolers. Churches and Temples. High Schools, Colleges and Universities. Nationally Broadcast on C-SPAN TV.

Carla Howell is a Regular Guest on Television and Radio.

The O'Reilly Factor. A PBS documentary on her Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign. The Hiller Instinct on NBC. Boston TV coverage by NBC, ABC and CBS. Plus Providence ABC. And WGGB-TV in Springfield. And WTKK, WBZ, WRKO, WAAF, WBOQ, WBUR, and WATD.

Welcomed by Radio Personalities like David Brudnoy. Gene Burns. Howie Carr. Greg Hill. Blute and Mose. Jay Severin. Larry Elder. Neal Boortz.

Newspapers Cover Carla Howell.

Boston Globe, Front Page Sunday Edition.
MetroWest Daily News, Front Page. Boston

Herald, Front Page. *The Pittsfield Gazette*. *The Woburn Advocate*. *The Lowell Sun*. *Daily Times Chronicle*. *Worcester Telegram Gazette*. *The Patriot Ledger*. PLUS a complete interview by *Massachusetts News*.

PLUS columns by Jeff Jacoby, Wayne Woodlief, Barbara Anderson, Eric Biss, Rick Cooper, and Wendell Woodman.



Carla Howell

Carla Howell: An Eager and Proven Campaigner.

She campaigned 15 Months Full-Time for U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy. Starting with just a handful of activists, she recruited and mobilized 726 campaign volunteers.

She gave speeches, attended events, worked crowds, and asked for votes. Over 11,500 Yard Signs. \$50,894 in Radio Ads. \$150,577 in Prime TV Ads on Boston CBS, NBC, and ABC.

Carla Howell turns doubters into believers. Harry Browne says, "Carla Howell is the rising star in the Libertarian Party."

Carla Howell's Libertarian Campaign Dream Team.

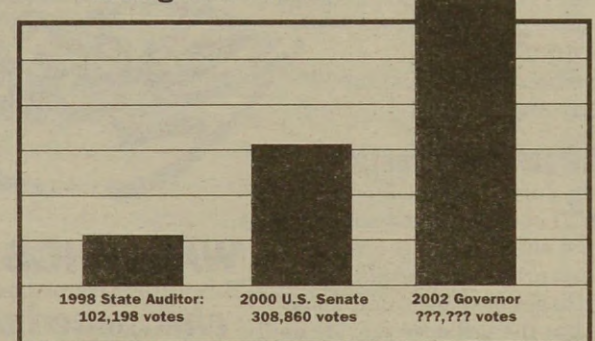
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Talking Points

The aluminum underpants law, and 22,000 fake black farmers

■ Republicans: Guilty!

Democrats and Republicans are both skilled at taking your money. It's just that Republicans feel more guilty about it.

— JOHN FUND

Intellectual Ammunition,
July/August 2001

■ Illegal underpants

In July, Colorado House Bill 01-1221 became law, banning aluminum underpants. Its purpose is to discourage shoplifters' using them to get past electronic detectors, but the law does provide an exception that allows people to wear them if they can prove it's for a "personal" reason.

— NEWS OF THE WEIRD

September 2, 2001

■ How to encourage crime

If a total nationwide ban on the possession of firearms is supposed to curb gun crime, then why is it that the English are increasingly the victims of gun-wielding criminals?

According to a study released about a month ago and which formed the basis of a recent article in *USA Today*, the criminal use of firearms in the United Kingdom has increased by almost 40% in three years, to 3,685 incidents from 2,648.

Now, what makes this fact especially interesting is that three years ago was precisely when England passed a comprehensive ban on the private possession of handguns. According to the logic of gun control advocates, there should have been *less*, not more gun crime.

A total, nationwide ban on the possession of firearms has not kept guns out of the hands of criminals. As the study by the Centre for Defence Studies at King's College reveals, all that has been accomplished by the British gun ban is the disarming of people who obey laws.

— THE WASHINGTON TIMES

August 20, 2001

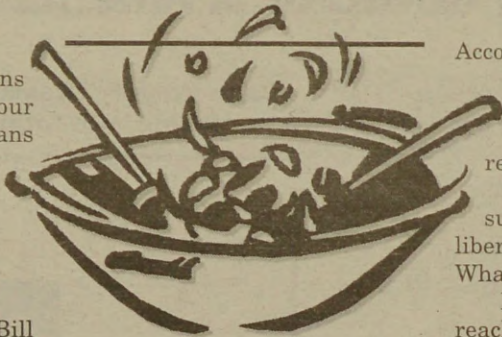
■ Thanks, but no thanks

In an exit poll by Voter News Service last November, percentage of respondents who said they would not want their child to be president: 66.

— PLAYBOY, November 2001

■ Global cooling

Basing public policy on erroneous [environmental] observations and predictions can be very costly in terms of human welfare



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and economic growth. Environmental activist predictions have been dead wrong.

In the July 1975 issue of *National Wildlife*, Nigel Calder warned that "the threat of a new ice age must now stand alongside nuclear war as a likely source of wholesale death and misery for mankind."

In the same issue, C.C. Wallen of the World Meteorological Organization warned, "The cooling since 1940 has been large enough and consistent enough that it will not soon be reversed."

Why do we listen to these people?

— WALTER WILLIAMS

The Washington Times
August 31, 2001

■ Drop that fork!

You are just settling down to order breakfast of "two eggs over easy" at the Black Dog Cafe [in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts] when you notice a peculiar asterisk next to the menu item.

Using language that seems designed as an appetite suppressant, the footnote cautions, "These foods are undercooked or cooked to order. Consuming them may increase your risk of food-borne illness."

Now you're wondering: Have we as a nation gone amok with these health warnings?

This menu mantra was created by the Food and Drug Administration as part of its model food code, a suggested framework that Massachusetts recently adopted.

According to the FDA, Massachusetts is one of 23 states that require some form of "consumer-advisory language" in restaurants.

So the federal government suggests a silly regulation and liberal Massachusetts adopts it? What's the big deal?

Misguided regulatory overreach breeds disrespect for government. Serious health warnings — those on cigarette packs — are cheapened when restaurants and food stores are papered with dictates from the Nanny State.

And because the menu warnings don't require restaurants to actually do anything, they represent nothing more than feel-good regulation.

— WALTER SHAPIRO

USA Today, August 31, 2001

■ Environmental villain

Federal funds budgeted this year for the cleanup of the Defense Department's hazardous waste: \$7,460,000,000.

— HARPER'S, August 2001

■ Privatize the Post Office

What the Postal Service needs now is nothing short of privatization.

Privatization may seem far-fetched, but it's not. For all intents and purposes, the U.S. Postal Service is already a \$65 billion corporation. It is the only government structure organized along corporate lines. It has a board of directors. It is concerned with profit and loss.

It is the only government agency I know of that publishes a profit and loss statement. And like any corporation, all of the Postal Service's operating revenue comes from its customers.

However radical the idea of privatizing the national postal service may seem to many Americans, it's a concept the rest of the world has been taking seriously for years. That became clear to me when I was the Postal Service's chief operating officer in the mid-1990s, when postal administrations in New Zealand, the Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Britain, France and Canada were considering restructuring how they did business.

Some have since commercialized — that is, they have become companies wholly owned by the government.

The Dutch and the Germans have opted for outright privatization, an option that every other

postal service in the industrialized world is considering.

Although the geographic and demographic challenges those systems face are very different from our own, I believe they provide powerful models for change.

— WILLIAM J. HENDERSON

The Washington Post
September 2, 2001

■ I'm a black farmer, too!

In a 1999 major class-action settlement, the Clinton administration agreed to pay \$50,000 to each black farmer who had suffered discrimination at the hands of the federal government. This followed a finding that federal loans were intentionally withheld from black farmers for years and given to white farmers instead.

As of 2001, 40,000 people have applied for their cash. Fox News reports: "The problem is, according to the Census Bureau, there are only 18,000 black farmers in the country."

— JOHN LEO

The Washington Times
August 15, 2001

■ Fragmenting forests

According to presenters at a Forest Fragmentation Conference, 4 million acres of forested land are sold each year to pay estate taxes.

Of these, 350,000 acres are converted to housing, malls, and other developments, contributing to the ongoing fragmentation of America's remaining woodlands.

— NATIONAL ARBOR DAY
FOUNDATION

July/August 2001

■ How to bust a budget

As Congressional critics pointed to the recently passed tax cut for shrinking federal surplus projections released by the Office of Management and Budget, research from the non-partisan National Taxpayers Union has identified the true culprit — a relentless onslaught of spending programs aided and abetted by lawmakers themselves.

NTU found that total federal outlays in 1995 were \$1.51 trillion. In 2001 they are scheduled

to be \$1.86 trillion. That is an increase of 22%. Inflation during that period was 2.5% per year.

The spending spree is scheduled to continue. Between 2001 and 2006 total federal outlays are scheduled to increase by 20%, from \$1.8 trillion to \$2.2 trillion.

— NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION,
August 23, 2001

■ Breaking up Bill Gates

The decision of the Justice Department not to pursue the breakup of Microsoft is easy to praise. The proposed breakup remedy never made any sense in the first place.

The easiest analogy is this: Suppose that someone wanted to break up Bill Gates, and the only choice was whether we cut him in two vertically or horizontally.

We could have a learned dispute over which way would be more likely to generate social benefits at the least cost to poor Gates, but he would be dead either way, and quickly.

— RICHARD A. EPSTEIN
National Review Online
September 7, 2001

■ In bed with tobacco

The anti-smoking activists behind the 1998 settlement between the tobacco industry and the states are getting a grim lesson in the realities of state budgeting. Contrary to the activists' expectations, less than 8% of the \$246 billion of settlement funds is being spent on educational programs to discourage smoking; the remainder — a whopping 92% — is being spent on everything else that states like but hate to ask general taxpayers to fund.

Consequently, rather than cripple the tobacco industry, the settlement has ensured its long-run survival by giving states an incentive for tobacco sales.

"The perverse result of what we did was put the states in bed with the tobacco companies," Mississippi lawyer Richard Scruggs, who earned millions working for governments against the tobacco industry, told the *Boston Globe*.

— THE LIGHTHOUSE
August 20, 2001

**"Guard with
jealous attention the
public liberty."**

— PATRICK HENRY



If you had to sum up the mission of the Libertarian Party in just seven words, you couldn't do much better than that quote from Patrick Henry. We Libertarians want to guard the "public liberty" for ourselves, our neighbors, and our children. But how can you continue to pay "jealous attention" even beyond your years on this earth? By naming the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To discuss this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (931) 858-0915. Or e-mail him: dnc@multipro.com.

Libertarian Ballot Initiative to End the Massachusetts Income Tax

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Massachusetts?

The *Boston Globe* is already writing about us. So is the *Boston Herald*. The *Salem Evening News* put the following question to their readers: "Abolish the income tax?" Dozens of letters to the editor weighed in on the issue.

This is just the beginning of our newspaper coverage. Who else will cover us soon? *USA Today*? The *Wall Street Journal*? The *Washington Post*? Or magazines like *Time*? *Newsweek*? *National Review*?

Will Carla Howell's recent TV appearance on The O'Reilly Factor be the first of many National TV appearances?

Will Carla Howell be invited to make our case on Nightline with Ted Koppel? Face the Nation? Meet the Press? Hardball? Crossfire? Politically Incorrect?

Will John Stossel of ABC's 20/20 do a nationally televised story about our End the Income Tax Ballot Initiative?

Why not tax limitation?

Tax limitation got popular in the late 1970s in California.

Remember Proposition 13? Remember how it rolled back property taxes and tried to put a lid on Big Government growth in California?

Tax rollbacks and tax limitation ballot initiatives swept the nation.

In Massachusetts, we passed Proposition 2-1/2 — which limited government spending growth to 2-1/2% each year.

Then state and local governments exploited loopholes. Exceptions. Unfunded mandates. Relentless referendums to override the laws.

Politicians, bureaucrats, and judges undermined Proposition 13 and Proposition 2-1/2. Big Government kept growing.

Why didn't tax limitation stop the growth of Big Government? It was not intended to.

Tax limitation does not freeze taxes. Tax limitation allows the growth of government. Massachusetts government is guaranteed to grow 2-1/2% every year. Unless the bureaucrats and politicians engineer an override. Then Big Government grows even bigger.

This happened in every state that passed tax limitation.

Does this go too far?

Ending the Massachusetts Income Tax would cut the state budget back to — Republican Governor William Weld's first term. Early 1990s. Still more than Governor Michael Dukakis' bloated 1980's Massachusetts budgets.

"Spending rises to meet income," says Parkinson's Second Law. Government spending rises to meet government income. High taxes mean Big Government.

The only way to make government small is to dramatically reduce government income. Dramatically reduce all taxes. Or remove the biggest taxes.

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Our Libertarian Ballot Initiative

No tax on wages. No tax on interest or dividends. No tax on capital gains. No Income Tax.

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Affiliate News

Libertarians go after seatbelt 'criminals,' exotic animal laws, & cigarette sin taxes

■ ALABAMA

LP city councilman ends city's cable TV business

After "many years of persuasion, cajoling and arm twisting," a Libertarian city councilman has convinced his fellow council members to sell off its government-owned cable television system to a private company.

Libertarian **Rod Templeton**, who has served six years on the Lincoln city council, said the proceeds of the sale would be placed into an irrevocable trust fund to accumulate interest for the city.

"I feel pretty good about the whole thing," he said. "About seven years ago I began explaining the benefits of selling the system. To me it was a 'no brainer.'"

Although Templeton said the move would save local taxpayers \$60,000 per year in taxes, he said city employees would also save something: Their sanity.

"All the phone calls we used to get because the cable wasn't working properly are going to the new owner," he said. "And believe me, that's a big plus!"

■ ALABAMA

State LP says 'no thanks' to state-funded primary

The Alabama LP Executive Committee has unanimously voted against holding a "publicly funded" primary in 2002.

"We reject the idea that you, the taxpayer, should be forced to pay for the internal politics of political parties," said Alabama LP Chair **Mark Bodenhausen** about the August 27 decision.

The Alabama LP has won major party status in the state, giving it the opportunity to hold a primary funded with taxpayer dollars, said Bodenhausen.

But Bodenhausen said party officers rejected the proposal, choosing instead to nominate candidates at its annual state convention — funded by donations.

"We have held true to our principles," said Alabama LP vice chair **Matthew Givens**. "The Libertarian Party will not compromise when it comes to principle."

■ ARIZONA

LP State Chair will write weekly website column

State Chair **Peter Schmerl** has been invited to write a weekly column for the Hartley Exchange, an online news source founded by



California Libertarians hold anti-Drug War rally

■ California Libertarians and other critics of the War on Drugs hold a rally in Los Angeles on June 16. The event was held to commemorate the death of medical marijuana activist **Peter McWilliams** and other victims of the government's long-running War on Drugs, said **Hal Chiprin**, chairman of the Political Prisoners Support Committee of the California LP.

"The War on Drugs is nothing more than a political war, and the victims of this war, whether dead or alive — must never be forgotten," he said.

McWilliams, who suffered from AIDS and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, died in June 2000 after being refused permission to use medical marijuana during treatment. Rally participants carried signs and marched from the Federal Building in Westwood to the Memorial Gardens, where **McWilliams'** ashes are interred.

"**Peter McWilliams** was a hero to all victims of the Drug War. It is only fitting that we pay our respects to someone who died for what he believed in," said **Chiprin**.

KFYI radio talk show host **Todd Hartley**.

The site — www.hartleyx.com — features libertarian and conservative commentary, and is promoted by KFYI, the most popular talk radio station in Arizona.

"This will be a great opportunity to reach a mainstream audience in Arizona," said **Schmerl**. "I encourage all Libertarians to participate in similar sites and use them for outreach."

Schmerl will be joined by other Libertarian commentators such as 2002 gubernatorial hopeful **Barry Hess**, Scottsdale Libertarian Alliance President **Bill Lynch**, and long-time LP member **John Semmens**.

■ COLORADO

Western Slope LP turns in smoking law petition

Western Slope Libertarians have turned in a local petition that would repeal an ordinance banning smoking in many privately owned businesses.

The "Clean Indoor Air" ordinance, which was approved by

54% of Montrose voters on April 3, bans smoking within the city except for restaurants and taverns. These places, however, are required to have segregated smoking sections with separate ventilation systems.

"We're going to give it our best shot and try to make sure the voters understand this [effort] isn't about smoking, it's about property rights," said **Tim Jacobs**, co-chair of the Western Slope LP.

The petition, which was presented to the city clerk on August 3, was signed by about 800 residents — about 330 more than needed to place a question on the election ballot in November.

Getting nearly double the amount of required signatures "ought to be a clue this is an important issue," said **Jacobs**.

■ GEORGIA

State Libertarians blast plan to ban video poker

Libertarians have denounced a legislative proposal to ban video poker machines in the state, saying the idea constitutes a "ridicu-

lous double standard."

Georgia LP spokesman **Tom Freese** said legislators are worried video poker may siphon funds from the Georgia lottery, which has raised more than \$14 billion since its inception in 1993.

"Greedy politicians don't like anyone competing with their monopoly on gambling in the state of Georgia," he said. "Therefore, they use the only method available to them to destroy their competition — through legislation."

Freese said the two bills filed on August 22 — one that would ban video poker machines, and the other that would make any involvement with video poker a felony in the state — show "the nanny state is alive and well."

■ GEORGIA

State politicians going 'hog wild' with pork bills

Libertarians have blasted Georgia's U.S. Representatives for their efforts to "bring home the bacon" with pork barrel spending.

Georgia LP Political Director **Jason Butler** said the spending for special projects in 2001 demonstrate how politicians from both parties are going "hog wild."

"Republicans and Democrats are doing all they can to spend every last dime," he said. "Taxpayers haven't got a fighting chance as long as the greedy Congressmen are in session."

Among the local pork projects of 2001, said **Butler**, are \$400,000 for a water taxi service in Savannah, \$400,000 for the National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, and \$250,000 to improve the quality and sensory consistency of Vidalia onions.

"Party lines disappear when it comes to pork spending," he said. "It's a bipartisan effort to separate taxpayers from their hard-earned money."

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INDIANA

Indiana Libertarians plan new outreach newspaper

"Operation Larry" — a plan to launch a statewide Libertarian newspaper designed to recruit new LP members and increase election vote totals for LP candidates — has been approved by county chairs across the state.

Proposed by Hamilton County LP Chair **Mark Schreiber** at the County Chair's Conference on July 14, *The Libertarian* will be distributed by volunteers in as many as 40 counties to selected households.

"Mark's plan was well received, and will help us gain market share, measured in more elected Libertarian officials," said Indiana LP State Chair **Mark Rutherford**.

To raise the money for the project — estimated at \$1,725 — Rutherford suggested that party members donate their income tax refund to the Indiana LP.

"Take the refund, and put it to use to restore liberty!" he urged.

INDIANA

LaPorte County LP will recruit seatbelt violators

LaPorte Libertarians have obtained a list of more than 400 motorists who were issued police citations for failing to wear seatbelts, and plan to use the information for an innovative purpose: To recruit new LP members.

The LaPorte police department had issued the citations to the motorists during the first week of August, as drivers passed six checkpoints set up throughout the county.

"The decision to wear a seat belt really should be an individual choice, not a government mandate which subjects citizens to an aggressive police enforcement action," said **Greg Kelter**, Chairman of the LaPorte County LP, which is coordinating the effort.

But although the policy has drawn the ire of Libertarians, it also seems to have a major benefit, said Kelter.

"Every time [the police] run a blitz, [the LP] gets a new mailing list of several hundred potential Libertarians who may be primed and ready to shell out a \$25 membership," he said.

INDIANA

'Spot-zoning' law opposed by Jackson County party

A Libertarian county chair has helped stop a "spot-zoning" ordinance that would have banned adult businesses from downtown Seymour.

Jackson County LP Chair **Charlie Reynolds** spoke against the ordinance at a September city council meeting, saying it was an example of state-sponsored discrimination.

"This is bigotry and spot-zoning and the city shouldn't be doing it," he told the council.

The ordinance had originally passed the city council by a vote



Photo by Len Karpinski

Taking the "Quiz" from Uncle Sam in Alaska

The Rev. Michael Mitchell (right) — dressed as Uncle Sam — gives the World's Smallest Political Quiz to a potential libertarian at an Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) booth at the Alaska State Fair in August.

Libertarian volunteers gave the Quiz to 290 people and got the names and addresses of 134 prospective Libertarians, reported LP State Chair **Al Anders**.

"The Alaska Libertarian Party added 15 new dues-paying members. That is better than 10% growth," he said.

of 6-1, and was then forwarded to the planning board. But after the proposal was sent back to the city council for a final vote, Reynolds said it was defeated by a vote of 1-6 — primarily due to his outspoken challenge.

"Basically, when the Libertarian cavalry arrived, they ran like rats," he said. "This is a perfect example of how just one person with a logical argument can cause change for the better."

MICHIGAN

Libertarian helps squash 'Exotic Animal' ordinance

A Manistee County Libertarian has helped squash an ordinance that would have given local officials the power to enter private property to search for "Wild and Exotic Animals."

In a meeting on June 4, the county's Public Safety Committee agreed that the ordinance was unnecessary and said state laws were sufficient.

"Perhaps I missed the headlines concerning wild beasts running rampant around the county," said **Brian Kluesner**, chair of the Western Michigan LP. "But it seems to me this is a regulation in search of a problem."

Kluesner said individuals should be held responsible if their

pet injures another person or destroys another person's property, but the possession of certain animals should not be a crime.

"I was expecting the commission to rubber stamp this thing so I'm delighted that it's no longer an issue," he said.

NORTH CAROLINA

Libertarians hold tea bag protest over tax boost

Libertarians held up tea bags in the Raleigh State House on August 29 to protest legislation that would hike taxes to pay for increased social services.

The bill passed the House with the support of all 62 Democrats and a single Republican.

"But don't think for a moment that the Republicans are standing firm in opposition to this massive tax hike," warned LP State Executive Director **Sean Haugh**. "Since they are in the minority, they know they can safely vote against this one bill while continuing to vote for every spending proposal coming out of Raleigh."

The price tag of the House bill is \$390 million, said Haugh, but the Senate version may tack on an additional \$100 million.

Haugh said concerned Libertarians in North Carolina can register their opposition to the taxes at petitionOnline.com/AxtheTax/petition.html.

PENNSYLVANIA

LP candidate withstands challenge to ballot spot

A Libertarian candidate for inspector of elections has withstood a challenge to keep her off

the ballot because of her prior political affiliation.

The Centre County Election Board had intended to keep **Jessica Zehngut** from running for office as a Libertarian because she was a registered Democrat within 30 days prior to the May primary.

However, on August 15, that decision was overruled by a county judge who said a candidate could file nominating papers with any party, provided the candidate changes their registration before the filing deadline.

LP member **Julian Heicklen** said the decision had good implications for local candidates.

"This is important for us because it means that we can now recruit disaffected Republican and Democratic voters to run for office on the Libertarian Party ticket," he said.

TENNESSEE

Gubernatorial candidate takes income tax pledge

Fred Wilhoit, potential LP nominee for governor in 2002, has signed a pledge against imposing an income tax on state residents.

"Tennesseans have made it very clear that they don't want an income tax," said Wilhoit. "We know Democrats favor it. We've learned that Republicans can't be trusted to oppose it. Only a Libertarian will make the income tax a dead issue."

The retired Navy captain announced his candidacy for Tennessee governor on July 31. The state LP will officially select its gubernatorial candidate next spring.

Tennessee recently struck down an attempt to impose a state income tax on residents, spearheaded by Republican Governor **Don Sundquist**. Although Sundquist ran for office in 1998 pledging not to levy an income tax, he has since sought to impose such a tax on three separate occasions.

Wilhoit said the state should enact spending reform to solve its budgetary problems.

WISCONSIN

Libertarians tell state to 'butt-out' of sin taxes

The Northeast Wisconsin LP has called for state residents to show Republican Governor **Scott McCallum** their butts — their cigarette butts, that is.

During September, Libertarians are asking all smokers, taverns, restaurants, and other establishments to send used cigarette butts to McCallum to protest a new 27¢ "sin tax" on cigarettes.

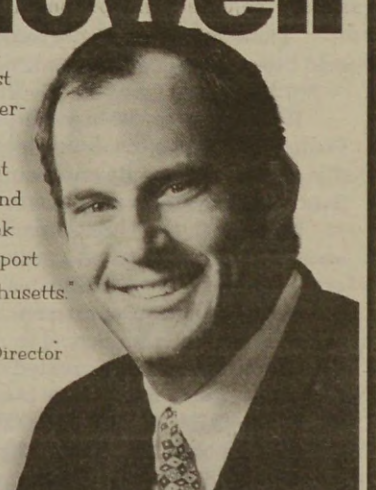
It's been dubbed the "Repeal It or Lose It" campaign, because if it doesn't convince the governor to repeal the tax, the LP will initiate a referendum to end all sin taxes in the state, said LP member **Dan Senglaub**.

The campaign has gained widespread support among citizens who "value freedom and fair taxation," he said.

"Restaurants, truck stops, [and] taverns have agreed to participate by placing posters and other information," he said.

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Former Mass. LP Executive Director

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, "The Issues" will highlight several Libertarian Party press releases. To get the complete text of all press releases issued by the LP, send a message to "announce-request@lp.org" with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Federal workers on a credit card spree

Bad news for taxpayers: Government employees have been going on credit-card shopping sprees, buying everything from pornography to vacations — and sending you the bill. "Who says government workers don't get any credit?" said Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach. "Unfortunately, they get plenty of it — and they're sending us their credit card bills."

In August, the General Accounting Office in Washington, DC acknowledged there had been a "significant breakdown" in monitoring the abuse of credit cards by federal employees.

The problem is significant, said the GAO, because federal employees carry more than 3.1 million government-issued charge cards and use them to spend up to \$19 billion a year.

But the cards, designed to give federal employees more flexibility when making official purchases, have been used for a staggering array of personal expenses. Examples include:

- Pornographic materials, purchased over the Internet by Education Department employees. The department's chief inspector also admitted employees had bought personal computers.

- Family vacations, charged by employees of the Corporation for National and Community Service. One worker racked up \$22,442 in bills for family fun.

- An astonishing \$500,000 in "personal" expenses by one employee in the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles.

And even when the charges are for government use, bureaucrats appear to have a growing problem with actually paying their bills: At the Pentagon alone, 40,000 federal employees have defaulted on more than \$53 million in travel charges.

It's time to slash the federal beer tax

Congress should pass a bill that would cut the federal tax on beer in half — because reasonably priced beer is as all-American as Killian's Red, Sam Adams White, and Labatt's Blue, say Libertarians.

"For beer lovers, this bill tastes great and is less taxing," said Bill Winter, the party's director of communications. "If Congress refuses to act on this beer tax cut, then Joe Sixpack will be sadder, Budweiser, about politicians' priorities."

The bill, HR 1305, is currently on tap for Congressional consideration. Filed by U.S. Rep. Phil English (R-PA), it would slash the federal tax on beer from \$18 per barrel to \$9 per barrel — saving beer-drinkers an average of 16¢ to 32¢ per six pack.

U.S. Representatives should support the bill, said Winter, because such a tax cut fosters good feelings among Americans.

"This is a Molson Golden opportunity for Congress to repeal the 1990 tax hike that doubled the federal levy on beer," he said. "The fact is, 44% of the price of beer is swallowed by federal, state, and local taxes."

HR 1305 already has 187 co-sponsors, which shows a fair amount of support, said Winter. But more are needed for passage.

"This bill deserves support across the partisan spectrum — whether you are a Lone Star Republican, a Red Dog Democrat, or a Sam Adams-style Libertarian," he said.

Sports team names: Not a federal issue

A decision by Maryland's Montgomery County school board to prohibit the use of sports team names like Indians and Warriors is proof that political correctness has trumped civil liberties, says the Libertarian Party.

"There is no sensitivity exception to the First Amendment," said Steve Dasbach. "Yes, some people are offended by such names — but that doesn't give the government the right to prohibit them."

In August, the Montgomery County school board ordered Poolesville High School to stop calling its sports teams the "Indians." But that's only one example of the anti-Indian sports team name hysteria that's sweeping the country:

- In April, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights called for an end to Indian-themed sports team names, arguing that they are "disrespectful and offensive."

- In 1999, the Department of Justice launched an investigation of Erwin High School in Asheville, NC to determine if its "Warriors" sports team created a "racially hostile environment."

What can be done? How about allowing schools to decide? "Schools are capable of making decisions about what to call their sports teams, based on the wishes of students and parents and the school's history and traditions," he said. "They don't need bureaucrats making those decisions based on political correctness."

A founder of Pink Pistols gun group becomes Libertarian Party member

David Rostcheck completes transition from "progressive" to Libertarian

A founding member of the Pink Pistols — a gun-owners organization composed mostly of "sexual minority community" members — has defected from the Green Party and joined the Libertarian Party.

David Rostcheck, who became a member on August 22, said he joined because the LP is the only political party opposed to the "illegal expansion of government power."

"No party that cannot name and oppose the erosion of Constitutional law will ever be able to stop this erosion," he said. "Only the Libertarians have the courage and clarity to name the enemy and stand firmly against it."

Rostcheck had helped to launch the Pink Pistols in September 2000. The organization, which views the Second Amendment as crucial to the freedom of minority citizens, now has 27 chapters nationwide.

Each chapter meets regularly at local firing ranges to practice shooting. Pink Pistols officers offer to help members select a firearm, acquire a permit, and receive proper training.

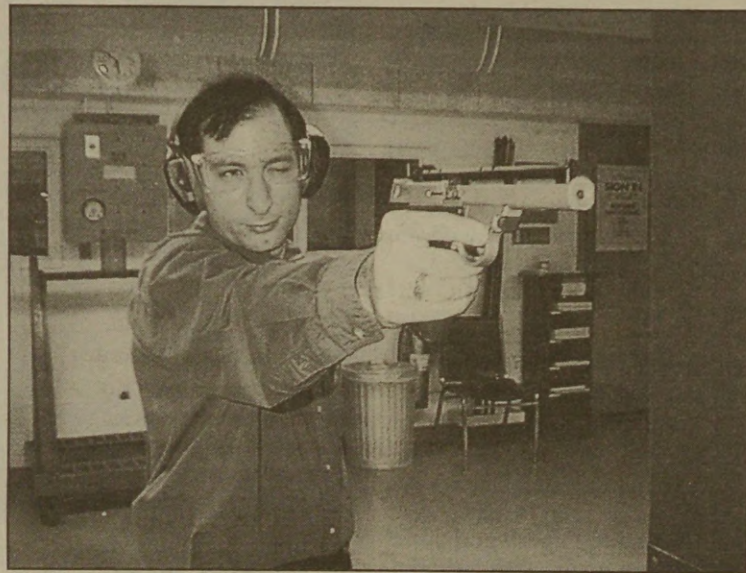
Social justice

At about the time the Pink Pistols started, Rostcheck joined the Green Party, motivated, he said, by an interest in "social justice" and an affinity for Ralph Nader.

But the 31-year-old software engineer said he soon discovered that so-called "progressive" leaders lacked the social tolerance they claimed to support, often denouncing gun-owners as "right-wing wackos" and "gun nuts."

"When I saw [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender] organizations vote to endorse a lesbian candidate who proudly wrote discrimination into gun laws, I realized that I could no longer align myself with a movement that brazenly scorns the principles it publicly aspires to," he said.

Although disturbed by this hostility to the Second Amendment, Rostcheck said the transition from the Green Party to the LP wasn't an easy one.



■ David Rostcheck practices his aim at a local firing range. He joined the LP in August, saying only Libertarians "stand firmly against" the erosion of Constitutional rights.

For years he "resisted [LP] arguments with skepticism and vigor," often arguing about politics with fellow Pink Pistols founder and LP member Doug Krick, he said.

But as he tried to reform state gun laws and influence public opinion on gun control during the past year, Rostcheck said he found himself in greater and greater agreement with the Libertarian perspective.

"I have been won over not by the persuasive arguments of a great orator, but by the slow piling up of an undeniable weight of evidence showing a demonstrable pattern of illegal expansion of gov-

ernment power," he said.

Rostcheck acknowledged he still believes there are some problems where government can be effective, such as "combating plagues" or providing for mentally ill citizens.

Although Rostcheck said his political opinions will continue to evolve, he said he also knows one thing for sure: He will never go back to the "progressive" movement he once had called his home.

"To restore principled government, we must use principled politics. I now believe that the only party that can effectively restore the protection of our rights is the Libertarian Party."

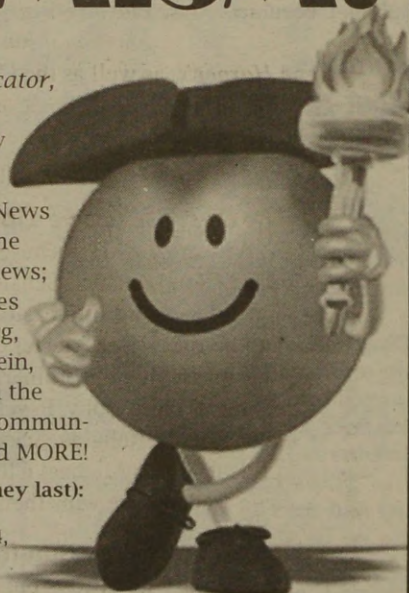
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■ **September 2001:** An article about the Ed Thompson for Governor exploratory committee in Wisconsin incorrectly listed his website. The correct address is: edthompson.com.

■ **August 2001:** An article about Dan Fylstra's resignation as LP vice chair incorrectly identified Perry Willis as a past LP national chair. In fact, he was a past national director.

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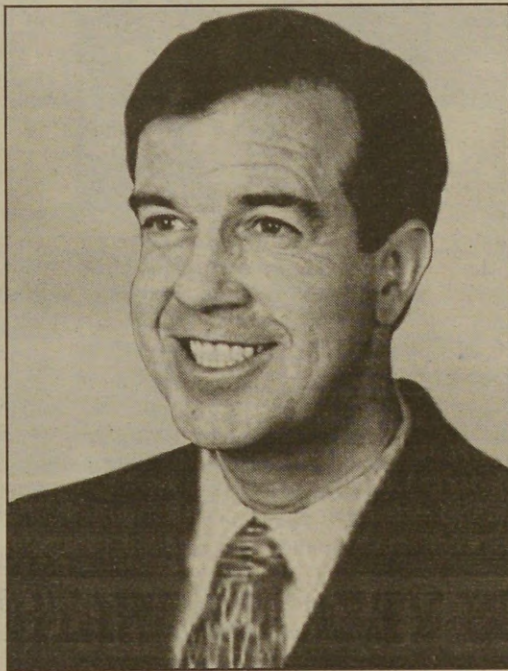
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CA Libertarian starts utility tax repeal drive

A California Libertarian has launched an initiative to repeal a local utility tax that, if passed, would immediately return an estimated \$8.75 million to the pockets of taxpayers.

Titled the Utility Tax Relief Initiative of 2001, the measure would phase out the 6% tax for all residents of Salinas between 2002 and 2005. The tax is currently imposed on gas, electricity, water, telephone and cable television.

Mark Dierolf, who is spearheading the effort, said he has "no doubt" the initiative will appear on the ballot in March 2002.

Happy to sign

"This is a common sense proposal that has a lot of support," he said. "I've spoken with many residents who have seen their energy bills double in the past year, and they're happy to sign a petition to get rid of this tax."

Dierolf, who also serves as chair of the Monterey County LP, needs support from 5% of voters in the last gubernatorial race — or 1,210 signatures — by September 21, to get the initiative on the ballot.

Once on the ballot, the measure can be passed by simple majority vote.

Dierolf had help crafting the language of the ordinance from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association, and he said his affiliation with the prominent taxpayer-advocacy group gives his initiative credibility.

In addition, the 38-year-old insurance agent said he has received a lot of support for the idea among elderly residents, who compose a significant amount of registered voters in the township.

"I've spoken with senior citizens who remember when the tax was first imposed," he said. "More than 30 years later, many of these people are happy to sign the petition to get rid of it."

However, Dierolf said the Salinas government is not nearly as enthusiastic about the idea.

In fact, government officials have charged that a repeal of the utility tax would cut into the city budget — currently at \$61.9 million — and force the closure of taxpayer-funded libraries and recreational centers.

But this assertion is false, said Dierolf. In fact, the city budget is slated to increase by more than \$7 million next year — about \$3 million more than his plan would cut in the first year.

No such tax

In addition, Dierolf said more than two-thirds of Californian cities and counties have no such tax on utilities, yet are hardly starved for revenue.

"The city is flat-out lying about how repealing this tax will affect residents," he said. "The truth is that even if politicians eliminated the utility tax, city revenues would still increase next year from other sources. But let them spew their nonsense to the



■ **Mark Dierolf: "This is a common sense proposal" that has support from residents.**

local media — it will make it easier for me to challenge them in the future."

First imposed in 1969, the Salinas government said the tax was a temporary way to provide necessary funds for infrastructure. But today, most of the money goes to pay government employee salaries, said Dierolf.

In fact, he said, the payroll for the Salinas City Manager, City Attorney, and the heads of 10 city departments costs taxpayers more than \$2 million — with many more administrators making six-figure salaries.

In light of this, he said, he is confident the initiative will pass.

"I have a good feeling about this utility tax repeal," he said. "It's already been done in other places like Long Beach. There's no reason why we can't do it here."

Virginia Libertarians win right to ballot label

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ing which parties could get a partisan affiliation listed on the state ballot.

To qualify for the partisan label, a party had to have run a candidate for statewide office in at least one of the two preceding elections, and that candidate had to have received at least 10% of the statewide vote.

Identified

In other words, said Redpath, only the Republican and Democratic parties could get their candidates identified on the ballot. All other candidates would be listed as "Independents."

And forcing Libertarians to be called "Independents" was wrong, he said.

"We just thought it was unfair, and thought we had legal precedent on our side," he said. "There's a lot of information con-

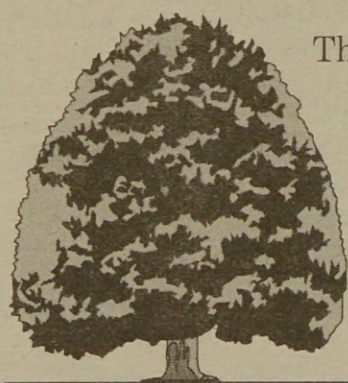
BILL REDPATH:

"There's a lot of information conveyed in the word Libertarian."

veyed with the word Libertarian."

ACLU lawyers had originally sought a court injunction until after the November election. This was the first year the law would have gone into effect.

Redpath and Reams were joined as plaintiffs in the lawsuit by LP Delegate candidates Timothy Belton and John Girardeau, and LP members John Buckley and Shelley Tamres.



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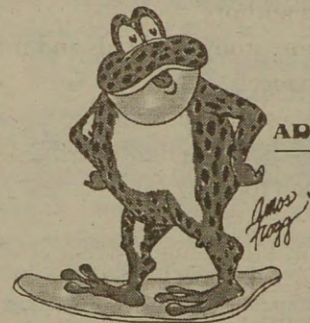
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The terrorist attack: Libertarian reactions

Editor's note: In the days that followed the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, a number of Libertarians (both small and large "L") and libertarian organizations issued statements about the tragic event.

Here is a sampling of some of those comments.

Please note: Only the statement from LP National Chair Jim Lark (starting on page one of this issue), is the official Libertarian Party response to the terrorist attack. The following comments represent only the viewpoints of the authors, and are printed here to show the range of libertarian opinion about, and reaction to, this event.

An Act of War

By Ted Galen Carpenter

The monstrous attack in New York City and in our nation's capital justifiably generates outrage on the part of all Americans. We grieve for the innocent victims and their families.

The first order of business must be to determine who is responsible for these terrible acts and to order appropriate retaliation. Terrorist assaults of this magnitude should be treated as an act of war against the United States, not merely as a criminal justice matter.

The President should immediately seek the full authorization of Congress to use whatever military force is necessary against the guilty parties. If the perpetrator is a government, the objective of the United States should be nothing less than the removal of that government.

If the perpetrator is a terrorist organization without government sponsorship, the objective of the United States should be to track down and eliminate the members of that organization.

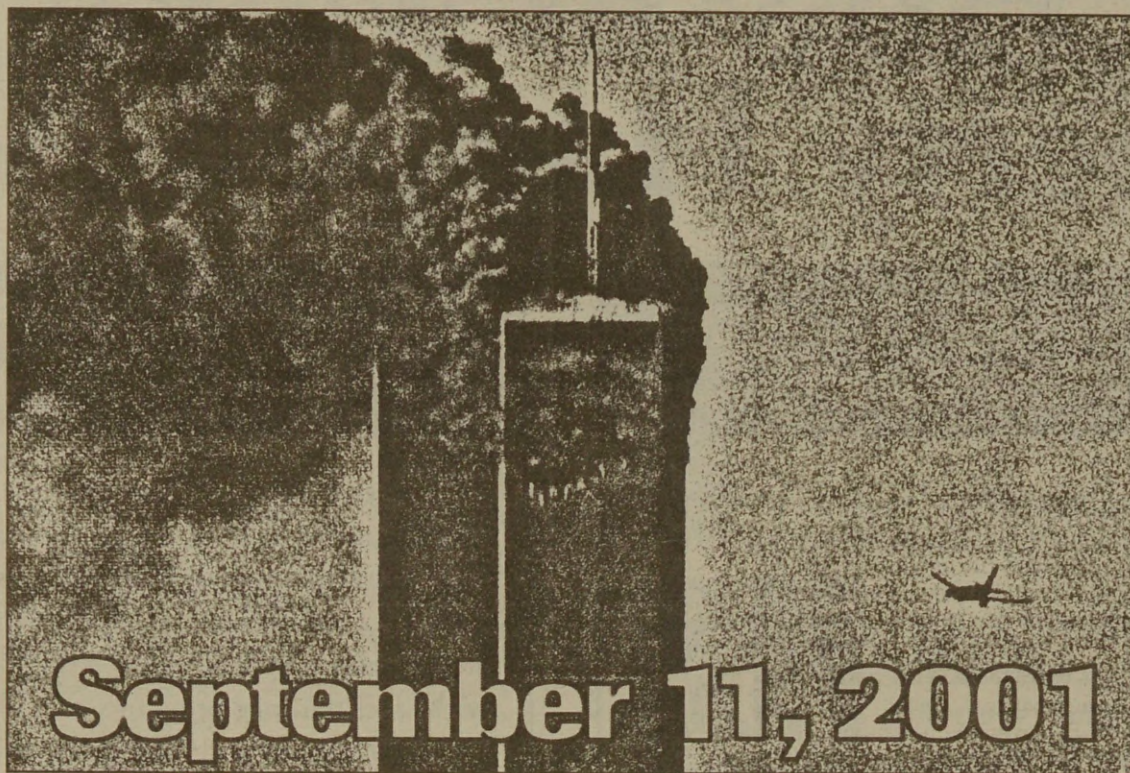
In the course of responding to these horrible events we must be careful not to undermine the American values of freedom and liberty. If we damage our constitutional freedoms in the name of combating terrorism, the terrorists will have achieved a lasting triumph.

■ **Ted Galen Carpenter** is vice president for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the Washington, DC-based Cato Institute.

Grave New World

By David Nolan

Every 20 years or so, there is a day where the whole world changes, suddenly and dramatically. September 11, 2001 was one of those days. The full impact of the terrorist attacks on the people of the United States is not yet known, but it will be far-reaching. The destruction of the World Trade Center will likely play as great a role in shaping the



21st century as the assassinations of McKinley, Kennedy and the Archduke Ferdinand played in the 20th.

In the coming weeks, we will be treated to an unending stream of propaganda about how "we" were attacked and how "we" must pull together to support our nation's rulers. We will be told that we must accept new restrictions, relinquish even more of our privacy, give the police and the military even more power, carry national ID cards, etc.

For what? To combat terrorism? These measures will fail, because the real problem lies not in our nation's "lax security," but in its leaders' unquenchable desire to meddle in the affairs of other people all over the world. We are outraged — as we should be — when thousands of innocent Americans are killed by foreign terrorists. But where was the outrage when President Bush the First and Bill Clinton ordered air strikes throughout Europe and the Mideast, year after year?

Things are about to get a lot uglier, as our rulers seek to impose new controls on an already over-policed America. And people who should know better are jumping on the bandwagon, excoriating anyone who dares to point out that America's "leaders" bear some of the blame for yesterday's heinous act.

■ **David F. Nolan** is one of the founders of the Libertarian Party.

For being American

By Dave Barry

I'm not naive about my country. My country is definitely not always right; my country has at times been terribly wrong. But I

know this about Americans: We don't set out to kill innocent people. We don't cheer when innocent people die.

The people who did this to us are monsters; the people who cheered them have hate-sickened minds. One reason they can cheer is that they know we would never do to them what their heroes did to us, even though we could, a thousand times worse. They know that when we hunt down the monsters, we will try hard not to harm the innocent.

Those are the handcuffs we willingly wear, because for all our flaws, we are a decent people.

DAVE BARRY:

*"We'll go on
because we know
this is a good
country."*

And now we are a traumatized people. The TV commentators keep saying that the attacks have awakened a "sleeping giant."

No, I don't see a giant. What I see is Americans. We may have the power of a giant, but we also have the heart of a good and generous people, and we will get through this. We will grieve for our dead, and tend to our wounded, and repair the damage, and tighten our security, and put our planes back in the air. Eventually most of us, the ones lucky enough not to have lost somebody, will resume our lives.

Some day, our country will track down the rest of the monsters behind this, and make them pay, and I suppose that will make most of us feel a little better. But

revenge and hatred won't be why we'll go on. We'll go on because we know this is a good country, a country worth keeping.

■ **Dave Barry** is a syndicated humor columnist and author.

Assist in the Recovery

By Marc Montoni

The members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia extend their thoughts and prayers to those victimized by the cowardly and despicable attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center. We share the profound shock and sorrow of all Americans in the face of this tragedy.

Members of the Libertarian Party are encouraged to assist in the recovery from these events and to support the authorities in their efforts to find and bring to justice the persons responsible. Governments are created to secure the rights of individuals; and bringing to justice the persons most directly responsible for this terrible crime is a legitimate use of state power.

In the days and weeks ahead, the thousands of innocent bystanders injured because of the aims of a few madmen will need the aid and comfort of all of us. As physical therapy and burn treatment begins, a constant supply of life-giving blood will be needed. In that light, Libertarians are encouraged to donate blood as soon as possible.

Thousands of families have lost loved ones — they must not be forgotten, either. Scholarship funds are already arising for the surviving children of parents killed in the attack. Libertarians are encouraged to donate. Many other charitable organizations will be helping with the recovery from this attack — let's see to it that those charities are given the resources they need.

■ **Marc Montoni** is the Chairman of the LP of Virginia.

When Will We Learn?

By Harry Browne

The terrorist attacks against America comprise a horrible tragedy. But they shouldn't be a surprise.

It is well known that in war, the first casualty is truth — that during any war truth is forsaken for propaganda. But sanity was a prior casualty: it was the loss of sanity that led to war in the first place.

Our foreign policy has been insane for decades. It was only a matter of time until Americans would have to suffer personally for it. It is a terrible tragedy of life that the innocent so often have to suffer for the sins of the guilty.



When will we learn that we can't allow our politicians to bully the world without someone bullying back eventually?

President Bush has authorized continued bombing of innocent people in Iraq. President Clinton bombed innocent people in the Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Serbia. President Bush Senior invaded Iraq and Panama. President Reagan bombed innocent people in Libya and invaded Grenada. And on and on it goes.

Did we think the people who lost their families and friends and property in all that destruction would love America for what happened?

When will we learn that violence always begets violence?

And now, as sure as night follows day, we will be told we must give up more of our freedoms to avenge what never should have happened in the first place.

When will we learn that it makes no sense to give up our freedoms in the name of freedom?

■ **Harry Browne** was the 2000 Libertarian Party presidential candidate.

Cooler Heads

By Sean Haugh

I'm sure you all share the shock and horror I have felt over Tuesday's events.

Our first response is the same as that of the overwhelming majority of Americans, to think of compassion for the people involved. I'm sure you are already keeping the victims and their families in your thoughts and (if you are inclined in that direction) your prayers.

We should also to a very large degree support our President in his response to this heinous attack against America and Americans. It is most appropriate for us to set aside our political differences and come together as a nation for healing and mutual support.

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port, and Libertarians across the country, I am sure, are doing just that.

Be sensitive to your friends and neighbors. Many will still be too raw from Tuesday's news to want to listen to a Libertarian speak of how our long-standing policy of non-intervention would have prevented terrorist attacks against Americans. In my opinion, there will be time to make that point later, when cooler heads may prevail.

■ **Sean Haugh** is the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.

The Choice Today

By Leonard Peikoff

To those who oppose war, I ask: If not now, when? How many more corpses are necessary before this country should take action?

The choice today is mass death in the United States or mass death in the terrorist nations. President Bush must decide whether it is his duty to save Americans or the governments who seek to kill them.

■ **Leonard Peikoff** is founder of the Ayn Rand Institute.

Two Useful Functions

By Ed Clark

All Americans and probably billions of individuals across the globe are reacting with loathing to the terrorist attacks. The desire to take action to avenge the victims and punish the perpetrators is very strong and widespread.

In this context, Libertarians, while joining in the condemnation of mass murder, can perform two useful functions.

First, to urge that the pursuit of the murders should be vigorously pursued through legal channels. Trial, conviction and punishment in the World Court in the Hague, along the lines of the recent and ongoing trials of military and political leaders of the former Yugoslavia and of the Bosnian Serb "government," should be the example for September 11.

Such steps would provide the widest scope for public approval of the punishment and force the support of many who would condemn unilateral military action by the United States.

Secondly, we should continue to point out that the continued military intervention by the United States in other countries provides the self justification for such murderers and, of probably greater importance, provides the basis for the significant support that terrorist groups enjoy in many parts of the world.

Both of these steps work to-



gether to isolate the criminals, to gain support for their punishment and, hopefully, to eliminate the type of retaliation that will build new bands of terrorists eager to replicate or exceed the horrors of September 11.

■ **Ed Clark** was the 1980 Libertarian Party presidential candidate.

Mockery of Justice

By Sheldon Richman

We will get the people responsible for this.

Those words, or similar words, have been spoken many times today, but they undoubtedly had already been uttered in the occupied Palestinian territories, Iraq, Serbia, and other places that have felt the brutal, cold-blooded hand of the U.S. government or its allies. It seems that the slaughter of civilians by foreigners is only an outrage when the civilians are Americans.

U.S. governments have directly and indirectly killed civilians for decades in the Middle East and elsewhere. It goes on routinely today. But those acts are rarely reported to the American people — and when they are, it is always with the explanation that the casualties and deaths were justified.

One is hard-pressed to see why American civilians are more worthy of sympathy than Iraqi civilians, Palestinian civilians, Serbian civilians, or countless other non-Americans.

The killing of innocents in the United States on September 11, 2001, was an unspeakable crime. But we make a mockery of justice if we see the day outside its full context.

■ **Sheldon Richman** is a senior fellow at the Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Virginia.

Most Important Job

By Elias Israel

When I was young, my parents often told me, "Never let them tell you that it can't happen here." I thought I understood what they meant. Now, we all know.

On Tuesday, September 11, madmen plunged us into a nightmare that none of us ever thought we would see.

More than 20,000 Americans may be dead, killed in a single hour.

The World Trade Center, a jewel of capitalism, has been wiped off the map.

The Pentagon, the seat of the most fearsome military in the world, and the largest office building in the world, has had a slice cut out of it.

Four airplanes hijacked simultaneously, two from my own hometown.

We are, by every appearance, in a state of war.

I knew that the task before us as Libertarians would never be easy. But our tasks have just become tremendously harder, not

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LP Response to Terrorism

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tolerance and kindness in the days to follow. A natural reaction after such a tragedy is to find a scapegoat — to blame Arab-Americans, or individuals who practice the Islamic faith, or other people who are in some way different. We must rise above that impulse. If Americans turn down a path of hatred and intolerance, then the terrorists will have won.

That's not the only way terrorists can win. In the past, some have responded to terrorism with proposals to restrict the civil liberties of Americans. We must resist that tendency. The fundamental rights that define the very essence of America should not be destroyed in an effort to deal with terrorism or any other problem. Citizens must remain ever vigilant that terrorists don't win by turning America into the kind of nation where our cherished freedoms are only a fading memory.

Finally, the Libertarian Party hopes these attacks will elicit a thoughtful national discussion about how we can prevent similar tragedies in the future. Of course, there is no way to guarantee that evil will not strike again.

However, a foreign policy that limits our intervention in the affairs and quarrels of other nations is a foreign policy that will reduce the chance that terrorists will want to strike at America. Peace and free trade with all nations, and entangling alliances with none, is a time-honored prescription for an America that is at peace with the world, and for a nation that has little to fear from the savage and bloodthirsty actions of terrorists.

Again, our hearts go out to the thousands of Americans who suffered a loss during the terrible events of September 11, 2001.

It is a tragic day that will live in our memories — but is also a day that will allow the best of America to shine through by virtue of our response.

just for Libertarians but for all Americans.

On Tuesday, September 11, America had to grow up the hard way. And the Libertarian Party must grow up, too. Because our country has never needed us more than it does today.

We have an important job to do, perhaps the most important job that belongs to anyone in the country.

It falls to us to remind Americans to cherish and protect their constitutional rights, even and especially through these difficult times. Some forget that the only thing worse than what was done to us on September 11 would be to lose our heritage of Liberty. We must remind them.

We must work together, as one party, with unshakable support for each other, and unflagging belief in the beautiful principles for which we fight.

■ **Eli Israel** is the Chairman of the LP of Massachusetts.

Responsibilities

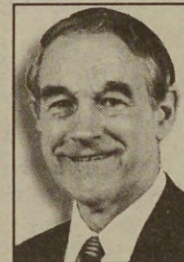
By Ron Paul

Millions of Americans awakened to find the nation at war, attacked by barbarians who targeted innocent civil-

ians. This senseless slaughter of human life was reprehensible, and must be denounced by all civilized peoples. For the moment, we can only share our grief and our condolences with those who lost family and friends.

In our grief, we must remember our responsibilities. Congress has an obligation in this constitutional republic to preserve freedom and provide for national security. Sadly, our security measures were not adequate to prevent yesterday's tragedy. We must be willing to honestly examine our policies, and change those that weaken our national security.

When we retaliate for this horror we have suffered, we must be certain that we punish only those who are guilty. There is an understandable sense of urgency in the nation, a sense that Congress should take action immediately. However, we must not kill innocent civilians in our rush to retaliate against those truly responsible.



Times of tragedy and war naturally bring out strong emotions in all of us, but we must be careful to preserve personal liberty and privacy rights in the months ahead. Sometimes the people are only too anxious to sacrifice their liberties during a crisis, hoping to gain some measure of security. Yet nothing would please the terrorists more than if we willingly gave up some of our cherished liberties because of their actions.

We can all pray for peace and ask for God's guidance during these troubling times.

■ **Ron Paul** is a Republican Congressman from Texas, and was the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate in 1988.

Millions Hate the U.S.

By Jarret B. Wollstein

The most important questions are: 1) Why is America a terrorist target? 2) What can we do to stop making our country a target?

The answer to the first question is, America is a target because what we have been doing overseas outrages millions of people.

I am referring to our government's unending bombings and economic attacks on Iraq, which kills tens of thousands of innocent people every year . . . supplying Israel with money and weapons that are used every week to kill innocent refugees . . . our military strikes in Lebanon, Afghanistan and the Sudan, which have killed hundreds of innocent people . . . our military and economic support for the murderous war on drugs in South and Central America.

Millions of people around the world hate the U.S. for the same reason many Americans now hate the perpetrators of the World Trade Center and Pentagon assaults: We are killing lots of innocent men, women and children in the name of a noble cause.

By all means go after mass murderers like Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. Capture them and put them on trial for their crimes. But America should never be associated with the mass murder of innocents.

■ **Jarret B. Wollstein** is a co-founder of the Society for Individual Liberty.

Anti-U.S. Terrorism

By Tibor R. Machan

How should one make sense of something so monstrous?

A couple of issues sprang to my mind: Does this kind of attack upon the people of the United States follow, naturally, the U.S. government's foreign policy of extensive interventionism?

Or is this just what sometimes happens to good people anywhere when bad people gain the upper hand, when they get a hold of weapons and indulge them-

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■ After giving preliminary approval to the strategic plan, the LNC voted to hold a special meeting in October to attach specific numeric targets for the plans' goals, to figure out the estimated costs for achieving the various goals, and to prioritize the goals and strategies.

National Committee votes to approve preliminary strategic plan for party

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contributors, and volunteers/activists.

■ Increase the Libertarian Party's market share among youth.

■ Increase public awareness of, and support for, Libertarian ideas.

■ Remain the "Party of Principle" as the LP grows.

The National Committee also voted to hold a special meeting in October to attach specific numeric targets for the plans' goals, to figure out the estimated costs for achieving the various goals, and to prioritize the goals and strategies, said Lark.

"The purpose of the October meeting is to work through many of the hard issues of prioritization and commitment of resources to implement the plan," he said.

Budget meeting

At its regular meeting in December, the LNC will approve a budget for 2002 that will incorporate the strategic plan's spending priorities from that October meeting, said Lark.

"It should be noted that since we must finalize resource allocations for implementation of the plan, debate over final approval could be much more contentious," he said.

LNC members also agreed to fan out across the country to explain the working document to state organizations, request feedback, and solicit support, said Lark.

"Members of the LNC will be meeting with representatives of each state affiliate to explain the plan and how it was developed, to answer questions about the plan, and to obtain feedback about the plan from the affiliate," he said.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

— 1 —
Increase the number of Libertarians holding public office.

— 2 —
Strengthen Libertarian state and local organizations.

— 3 —
Increase the Libertarian Party's support base: members, contributors, & volunteers/activists.

— 4 —
Increase the Libertarian Party's market share among youth.

— 5 —
Increase public awareness of, and support for, Libertarian ideas.

— 6 —
Remain the "Party of Principle" as the LP grows.

"I intend to visit several states for this purpose."

To accomplish the plan's six goals, the LNC also approved 20 strategies:

■ Define, develop, and promote the LP "brand."

■ Develop and use high-quality presentations of Libertarian ideas, which showcase both [political] directions and destinations.

■ Redevelop the LP platform, presenting both direction and destination, with an eye toward electoral success (without compromising core beliefs).

■ Track the performance of critical activities in state and local LP organizations; encourage and support them in creating and executing plans to improve performance.

■ Define and codify relationships between and expectations among national, state, local, and campus LP organizations.

■ Expand and strengthen LP local, city, county, and campus organizations.

■ Recruit more and better-qualified candidates.

■ Target races and allocate resources for maximum effectiveness.

■ Coordinate campaign activities within and among campaign levels.

■ Increase the commitment of those already within the Libertarian Party's support base.

■ Increase the number of new people in the LP's support base.

■ Strive to achieve a left/right ideological balance among the LP's support base. That is, attract people who are former liberals and conservatives.

■ Provide better training and support for LP candidates and organizations.

■ Develop and implement a program of ideological internal education.

■ Target public opinion leaders to embrace and espouse libertarian ideas.

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LNC Opinions

■ **Editor's note:** Here are comments from several Libertarian National Committee members about the Strategic Plan, and the strategic planning process.

A pleasant surprise

I had participated in one strategic plan in the corporate world so I knew what was coming. A pleasant surprise, however, was how we came together as a group. There was compromise on all sides and the various viewpoints were all aired, discussed, discredited where appropriate, and lauded when deserved. Though not perfect, this plan is quite a step forward for the party and is entirely appropriate for where we are at this point in history. Perhaps most importantly, this plan emphasizes that success at all levels is what it will take to grow our numbers, achieve recognition, and ultimately put more Libertarians in office.

— DERYL MARTIN, LP Treasurer

A catalyst for building the party

I hope the Strategic Plan helps focus the party membership on the areas where the Libertarian Party can have the most tangible impact — winning local elections and improving the organizational structure of our state and local affiliates.

I also hope that it brings a noticeable decrease in what the team members agreed was our biggest weakness — infighting. The plan was developed by respectfully addressing all the difficult issues within the party, fully. From these discussions, we were able to find the team members' commonly held beliefs. We built the plan from this common ground. I hope the Strategic Plan is a catalyst for the Libertarian Party membership to be more respectful of our differences, and put more energy into building on the libertarian ideas we share.

— MARK NELSON, LNC Representative (Region 1)

Much work remains to be done

The Strategic Planning Team process has produced a very helpful framework for discussing many of the ideas that LP activists have been talking about informally for years. It remains to be seen if the LNC can build on this to produce something that can really be considered a strategic plan.

Much work still needs to be done at the national level on setting priorities and establishing realistic objectives. But the real work of implementing these ideas remains, as it always has been, in the hands of our activists and other supporters all across the country.

— JOE DEHN, LNC Representative (Region 2)

The next level of development

Two aspects of our new strategic plan are, in my opinion, critical to our future success. First, the strategy of developing and presenting the LP "brand" will help establish Libertarians as caring, compassionate, dedicated, and patriotic people. Second, the strategy of welcoming into the LP those who share many of our views and making LP involvement an enjoyable experience will, I hope, work to reduce internal bickering and promote cooperation. Coupled with explicit goals which focus on winning elections and building state and local organizations, I believe this plan will take the LP to its next level of development.

— STEVE GIVOT, LP Secretary

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"Michael Cloud blew my mind with his 1998 Libertarian National Keynote Speech. 'Be Unreasonable, Change the World, Libertarian.' His message still excites me."

— Celeste Parent
Massachusetts Libertarian Activist

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Reaction

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selves in the mendacious ways they are wont to do, by wreaking utterly senseless havoc upon the heads of anyone in their way?

I think what has happened is a combination of these two matters: The unmitigated viciousness of those who think in group-think and deliver their wrath upon anyone who is a member of the hated group, and various imprudent foreign interventions that leave behind raging enemies of the USA.

Perhaps one slight silver lining could arise from this mendacity: Maybe instead of spending tax funds on zillions of matters that are none of its business, our government will begin to recall its reason for existence, namely "to secure (our) rights" and not to parade about and serve as the vice squad of the globe.

■ **Tibor R. Machan** is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

Our Eyes Are Open

By Jeff Jacoby

Now that it has happened to us, our eyes have finally opened. Now at last we understand that there is a war underway — and we are in it.

For years we have acted as if the front line were elsewhere, and as if our job was to watch from the sidelines and make sure our friends didn't defend themselves too aggressively. Now, after the worst massacre in U.S. history, only the willfully blind can fail to see that the front line is here.

The war between freedom and slavery, between hope and hopelessness, between the decent and the indecent, will be won or lost in America. For it is America that stands for everything our enemies hate.

■ **Jeff Jacoby** is a columnist for the Boston Globe.

Peace and Security

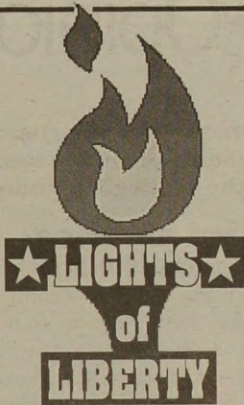
By Joseph Knight

The attacks of this day are not just attacks on the government, they are acts of terrorism against the people of America. I'm sure all Libertarians share my sympathy for the victims and their families.

If there is a single, legitimate function of the federal government, it is to protect the lives, safety, property, and liberty of Americans in America. I fully endorse whatever actions, short of violating the rights or safety of Americans or other innocent people, necessary to identify, locate, and punish those responsible for these acts.

At the same time, it was only a matter of time before such an attack happened. When we meddle in the affairs of most of the world, we will make enemies. Minding our own business would be a significant step toward our future peace and security.

■ **Joseph Knight** is the Chairman of the LP of New Mexico.



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National Committee gives conditional approval to sweeping strategic plan

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■ Target existing groups to act in support of LP efforts, and provide opportunities for the LP to spread its message.

■ Encourage state, local, and campus LP organizations — and the party's entire support base — to be involved in the political process, outside of just campaigns.

■ Focus resources to achieve the repeal of drug prohibition at the federal level by 2010, and get substantial credit for it.

■ Increase LP activism by recognizing and rewarding effort and success, and make LP involvement more enjoyable.

■ Develop an awareness that political success requires adequate recourses of all sorts.

The strategies and goals are interconnected, said LP Secretary Givot — who also facilitated the meetings of the Strategic Plan-

STEVE GIVOT:
"Building a grass roots party cannot be done from Washington, DC."

ning Team — and different strategies can be used to accomplish one or more goals.

For example, the strategy of promoting the Libertarian Party "brand" should help accomplish the goals of increasing the party's support base; increasing public awareness; and increasing the LP's market share among youth.

To achieve the goals and

strategies, all levels of the party must participate, said Givot.

"The team spent considerable time discussing which strategies can best be implemented by the national, state, and/or local levels of the LP," he said. "To realize the promise of this plan will require significant participation by many state and local LP organizations."

"Building a grassroots political party cannot be done from Washington, DC. At the same time, realization of the potential of the plan cannot be done entirely at the state and local level."

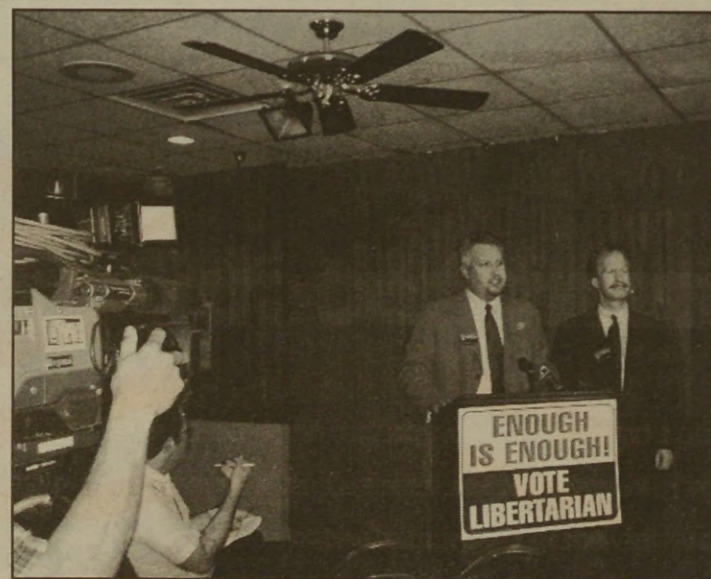
Define activities

The strategic planning process was launched after the LNC voted at its December 2000 meeting to begin a formal planning process to develop an "integrated strategic plan which will form the basis to define the activities of the [party] until 2004," said Givot.

The SPT began the process by brainstorming with LP state chairs, and creating a list of more than 700 success-oriented ideas, which were then refined at six follow-up meetings across the USA.

The planning team included more than a dozen members of the LNC, as well as staff members from the party's Washington, DC office, elected Libertarians, and state chairs.

At the August 25-26 meeting, Lois Kaneshiki, an At-Large Representative from Pennsylvania, was the only LNC member to vote against approving the plan.



Libertarians offer 'Build Indiana' solution

Indiana LP Executive Director Brad Klopfenstein (l) and State Chair Mark Rutherford speak at a press conference at the Indianapolis Press Club on July 9.

At the event, the two Libertarians asked the state's governor to appoint an LP member to oversee the Build Indiana Fund, a trust that finances public works projects.

However, over the past few years, Democrat and Republican politicians have given millions of dollars of Build Indiana Fund money to nonprofit organizations and religious groups. Several for-profit organizations also received money, including a daycare center and two restaurants in Indianapolis, said Rutherford.

"Allocating money from the fund for activities not related to infrastructure clearly violates the intent of the law," he said. "The fund has turned into a source of pork-barrel spending for legislators in an attempt to buy votes."

To end the corruption, Rutherford said the state should appoint former LP gubernatorial candidate Andrew Horning to oversee the fund — thus giving it an "oversight mechanism looking out for [taxpayers'] interests."

The press conference — and a series of Indiana LP press releases — attracted quite a bit of media attention for the party over the summer months, said Rutherford.

"We figured that because it's an off-year for elections, political reporters would have less news to cover, and they would be more eager to talk with us," he said. "It looks like we were right."

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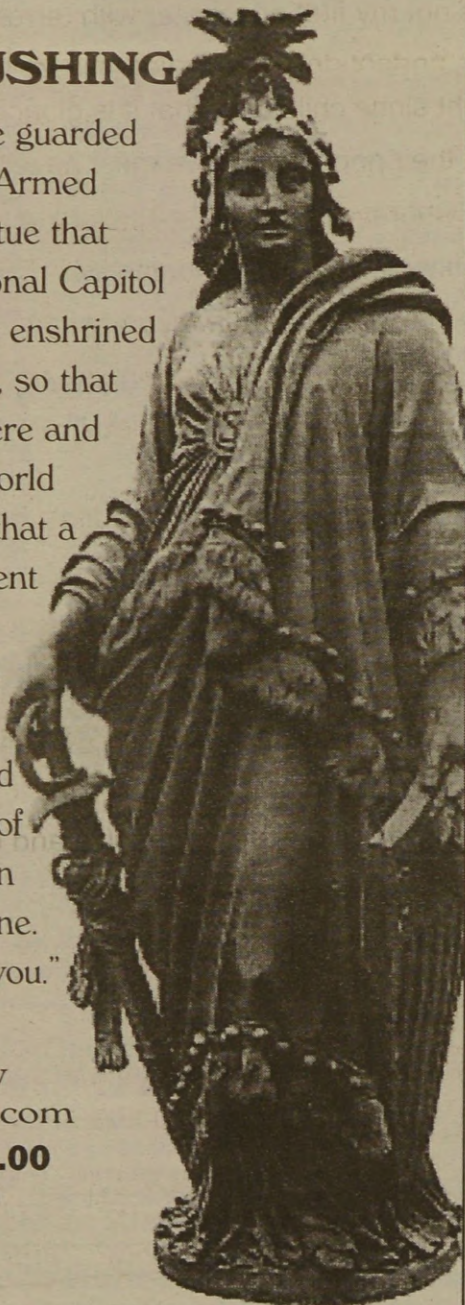
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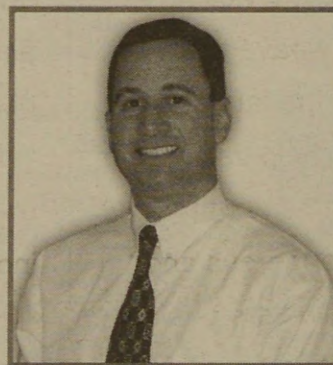
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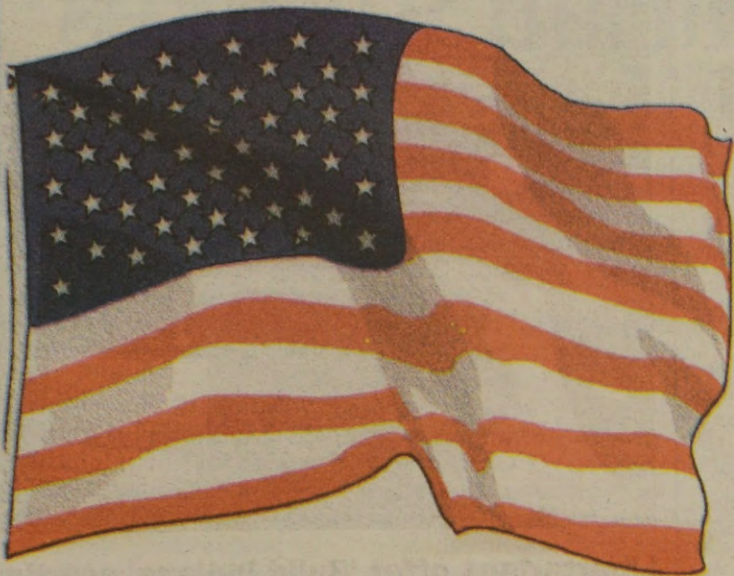
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Speaks Out on Terrorism

Normally, this page would be used for promoting my campaign for U.S. Congress. But in light of the events of Tuesday, September 11, I will instead use this space to share some thoughts about international terrorism and the people of the United States of America.

The events that rocked the nation on the morning of September 11th, and the aftermath of national recovery and mourning, have left a pall of shock and sorrow over the nation. The attack was carried out by people with neither conscience nor humanity. They left behind them a swath of destruction that transcends the bounds of anything we have ever seen in this country or even considered possible.

For the first time in our history, we are faced with an enemy we cannot see, one who attacks from within, using our own tools as its weapons, and turning them against us, just as they used our own freedom to facilitate their treachery. It has sobered us and brought us out of an innocence that many thought would shield us. We now know that we, too, are vulnerable and that the evils of international terrorism can visit our own homes as surely as they can wreak havoc in foreign lands.

As our hearts and prayers have gone out to the victims and the survivors, we soberly consider how to weave this

new knowledge into the fabric of our philosophy, to help us lead the people of this country through the dangerous and uncharted waters of a newly defined reality.

The rules of engagement have changed and we must now take that into account. The terrorists and those who stand behind them do not discriminate. They are cowards, who mercilessly kill innocent men, women, and children, and then hide in hospitals and schools, so that nations guided by morality cannot retaliate appropriately.

This is not my first encounter with terrorism. I know that there is no perfect defense against the fanatics who have been taught since childhood that it is glorious to become martyrs to their people. But we must nevertheless stand up to tyranny wherever we find it — including the tyranny of terrorism. If we allow these monsters to disrupt our lives and force us to live in terror, then they will have won. But if we stand tall in the face of their cowardice, and continue to build this great country, then they can *never* win.

As Libertarians, we are committed to a better way. We advocate individual freedom and personal responsibility. It is a mighty weapon and we can use it to overcome the enemies of liberty. As we remember those murdered and wounded in this grotesque attack, we must also remember our responsibility to take our places as leaders in a nation seeking a better way. With a strong resolve and clear purpose, we will be able to overcome this latest threat to our safety and to the future of this great nation we call home.



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unusual feature.

But they have something more. They all feature useful and unique tools for Libertarians.

This might include scholarly policy information to bolster Libertarian arguments. Or the widest selection of liberty-themed books. Or practical suggestions to put Libertarian principles into practice. Or a databank of libertarian jobs. Or news about the Libertarian movement from all across America — or the world.

So with no further ado, here in no particular order is our highly subjective list of the "Top 10 Libertarian Websites."

Bookmark 'em, Dan-O.

Cato Institute

www.Cato.org

Imagine this: You're talking politics with an acquaintance who is less-than-politically knowledgeable. You mention the newest Cato study about the correlation between free markets and declining rates of air pollution in Western countries, when the other person asks: "What's Cato?"

Instead of breaking your party pledge and initiating force, simply explain that Cato is the most respected and influential Libertarian think tank in America. You also might mention that the president's Commission on Social Security Privatization is relying heavily on Cato research for its reports and policy recommendations.

At Cato.org, you can read daily commentary about a topical news subject. Or you can download policy studies — everything from the benefits of private Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs) to the costly relationship between major league sports and government subsidies.

In addition, you can access back issues of the monthly *Regulation* magazine, as well as linked Cato sites dealing with topics such as foreign trade, immigration, and Social Security.

The site even offers a Social Security calculator, allowing you to figure out how much money you could save in a private retirement system. Just type your income and age, and let the computer do the math. Check it out — the results can be astounding.

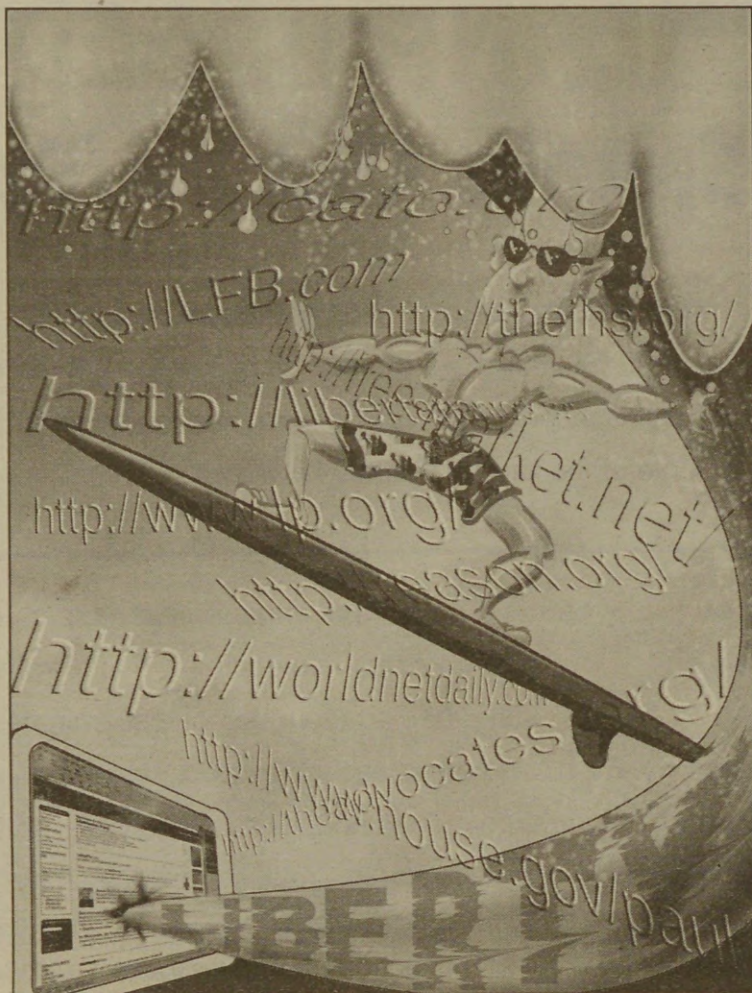
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www.LFB.com

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—This San Francisco-based bookstore is perhaps the world's best outlet for Libertarian literature. Extensive and inexpensive, LFB's inventory will satisfy even the most voracious Libertarian reader.

But LFB.com is more than just book listings. You can also check out book ratings, and access reviews from people who have already read the book. In addition,



recommendations for other liberty-oriented books are listed with each selection, so you'll have a constant "must-read" list of new Libertarian material.

At the site, you can find such titles as *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat and *The Road to Serfdom* by F. A. Hayek, or *A New Dictionary of Quotations* by H.L. Mencken and *Dave Barry's Complete Guide to Guys*, by the popular humor columnist (and self-identified libertarian) himself.

Perhaps the best part of buying books from LFB is its "Page Points" program. This program credits you with a "page" per dollar spent. Spend \$200 and get credited with 200 pages. Your pages accumulate, and you can redeem them for a book of equal or lesser value.

Also noteworthy: There's a great free graphic you can download and place on your computer desktop that features famous libertarians such as Ludwig von Mises, Ayn Rand, and Thomas Sowell. In a sly graphic homage to the Brady Bunch, they are featured in a six-square checkerboard frame — entitled "The Brainsy Bunch."

Reason Foundation

www.Reason.org

You might think nothing sensible could ever come out of Los Angeles, but the Reason Foundation proves otherwise.

Reason has earned a sterling reputation as one of the nation's foremost advocates of privatization and free enterprise. In fact, the organization is so well re-

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spected that former Executive Director Lynn Scarlett is now serving as Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Once logged on, you can check out the link to a sister site that criticizes the California government's handling of the recent electricity crisis. Or you can access public policy papers.

But the online version of the bi-monthly *Reason* magazine is the highlight of the site. Billing itself as the magazine of "free minds and free markets," and reaching more than 100,000 readers per issue, it is the *National Review* of the Libertarian movement.

Articles that appeared in the August/September issue include "Schoolhouse Crock" (documenting the empty reform of George W. Bush's education proposal), and "Who Let These Dogs Out?" (which discusses why certain government websites may be bad for your children).

You can also sign up for the Reason Express, a weekly e-newsletter with links to articles on topical events from a free mind/

market perspective.

The Reason site is definitely worth checking out — just ask comedian Drew Carey, who has been a Reason supporter for years. (Mimi may or may not also be a member.)

FreeMarket.Net

www.FreeMarket.net

This site proclaims itself to be the "world's most comprehensive source for information on liberty" — and it's hard to argue.

This website is a Libertarian web portal, meaning it serves as a link to other Libertarian sites. It is a product of the esteemed Henry Hazlitt Foundation in Chicago, which also operates linked sister sites for individualist feminists, school reformers, youth activists, and others.

You can also check out the "Spotlight" section, with information about current controversies. Examples include "When taxpayers attack," documenting the modern-day taxpayer revolts in Tennessee, North Carolina, and New Hampshire, and "Migraines over migrants," which argues the case for amnesty for more than 3 million Mexican immigrants.

Perhaps the best part of the site is the "Freedom News Daily," a clipping service of libertarian news stories from across America and around the globe. Each day you can receive a healthy dose of news articles from various sources — all with a Libertarian focus.

By the way, visit www.FreeMarket.net today and you can register to win a "Gun Rights Package" worth \$100.

World Net Daily

www.WorldNetDaily.com

If you think you must choose between being uninformed and getting your news from sources biased against individual liberty ... think again.

WorldNetDaily.com, the Internet's leading independent news site, should be part of every Libertarian's balanced breakfast. In fact, the site was ranked #1 for

more than a year on the Global 100.com (which measures website traffic), attracting nearly 2 million unique visitors a month.

Although some members of WorldNetDaily.com's independent staff write from a conservative Christian perspective, Libertarians will find the site to be an excellent watchdog on government excess.

WorldNetDaily.com has also built an impressive reputation for breaking big stories. Examples include a 1998 story on the proposed "Know Your Customer" regulations (that would have forced banks to "profile" their customers for the government), a 1997 story on how the Clinton administration had initiated IRS audits against 20 "unfriendly" non-profit organizations and think tanks, and a 2000 story about the rampant downloading of pornography on government computers.

WorldNetDaily.com is currently facing a multi-million-dollar lawsuit by a former Al Gore consultant for exposing political corruption in Tennessee — a series that some say ultimately cost Gore his home state and the 2000 presidential election. (If friends of Al Gore don't like the site, it must be worth visiting!)

Former LP presidential candidate Harry Browne is also a frequent contributor.

Advocates for Self-Government

www.TheAdvocates.org

Thomas Jefferson. Clint Eastwood. Matt Drudge. Tommy Chong. What do all these people have in common?


They are all celebrities who proudly identify themselves as libertarians, of course.

Actor Kurt Russell probably said it best when he told the *Washington Post* in 1997, "I'm a libertarian. I think a lot of people are libertarians and are afraid to admit it — or don't know."

That's one of the reasons why
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the Advocates for Self-Government exists.

And finding out which celebrities boast of their Libertarian beliefs is just one of the things you'll learn at the site of the freedom movement's preeminent outreach organization.

Their World's Smallest Political Quiz has been taken by millions of people and helped expose many to libertarian ideology. (An interactive version is available on the site.) And its Liberator Online e-zine has introduced countless people to successful persuasion techniques from acclaimed Libertarian communicators such as Mary Ruwart and Michael Cloud.

The newest addition to the website is the link to the Discover Liberty project, a nationwide outreach effort that seeks to uncover tens of thousands of new libertarians. Running from July 2001 to July 2002, the goal of the project is to give the quiz to more than 500,000 people at public events.

At TheAdvocates.org, you can read more about the project and keep track of your state's participation.

Institute for Humane Studies

www.TheIHS.org

There are numerous internship and job opportunities for interested Libertarians — you just need to know where to look.

Located in Arlington, Virginia, the Institute for Humane Studies is the public policy arm of George Mason University. GMU is one of the foremost academic libertarian institutions, home to esteemed economist Walter Williams and other libertarian thinkers.

On TheIHS.org, you can find notices of free summer seminars such as "The Foundations of Liberty" (at Princeton University), grants and competitions such as the "Felix Morely Journalism Competition," scholarships and fellowships such as the "Young Communicators Fellowship," and much more.

At the site, be sure to check out libertyguide. You'll find an internship and job databank, where dozens of jobs and opportunities at liberty-oriented think tanks and organizations are listed. Recent postings include a Director of Operations for the Cascade Policy Institute in Oregon, Directors of Membership Development and Advancement for the Mackinaw Center for Public Policy in Michigan, and an intern for the Atlas Economic Research Foundation in Virginia.

By routinely scouring the libertyguide, any liberty-lover can keep abreast of potential opportunities — and perhaps even become a libertarian "professional."

How do you think the author found this job as an LP staff writer?

Bureaucrash

www.Bureaucrash.com

If you are an angst-ridden Libertarian youth looking for a way to strike a (peaceful) blow against the bureaucratic state, look no further.

In Bureaucrash's own words: "We use creative activism to fight an information war against the outdated, statist ideas that characterize most youth politics."

What kind of creative activism?

How about sending out e-postcards or messages across cyberspace?

Or "raiding" parking lots with political flyers? Plastering dorms, halls, record stores, telephone poles and libraries with posters? Or distributing political stickers for Bureaucrash campaigns? Or, you can read the site's "Manifesto" and learn about other innovative ways to advertise liberty.

The site also has a room where you can hook up with other Libertarian activists, or network with Bureaucrash groups in Chicago, Washington, DC, and other locations.

But the lifeblood of Bureaucrash is its protest campaigns, including the "Free Trade Now" campaign (organized by the LP's own Marc Brandl) which sent libertarian protesters up to Quebec to protest government-managed trade. Or, there's the "Tax Slavery Sucks" campaign, which was organized by DC Libertarians. And there's the upcoming "White Flag Protest" (details to be revealed soon).

One note: Bureaucrash's "responsibility statement" requires that all protesters temper their actions with common sense and respect for the rights of others — something all Libertarians can appreciate.

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul

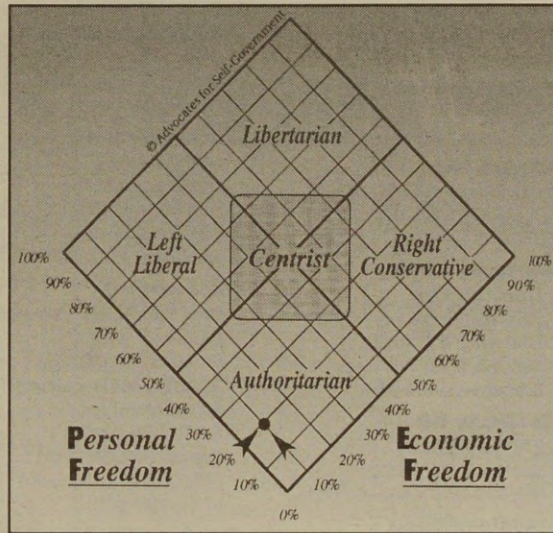
www.House.gov/paul

The Libertarian Party may not have elected any U.S. Representatives under its own banner (yet!), but Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) is definitely the next best thing.

Paul, who ran as the LP presidential candidate in 1988, is respectfully known as "Dr. No" in the U.S. House for his refusal to support any legislation that empowers the government at the expense of individual liberty.

Paul's website, dubbed "Project Freedom," is a wealth of information. You can read the pro-liberty legislation Rep. Paul has sponsored or co-sponsored, such as HR 2662 (to lift the trade embargo on Cuba), HR 1762 (to repeal all federal gun-control laws), and HR 1597 (to repeal the Selective Service Act).

You can also read weekly installments of his column, "Texas



■ You can take an interactive version of the World's Smallest Political Quiz at www.TheAdvocates.com.

Straight Talk," which discusses topical political issues. Recent installments include "Free Trade Means No Tariffs and No Subsidies," "The Fed Cannot Create Prosperity," and "Congressional Spending Threatens Your Retirement."

And don't miss Paul's "FreedomWatch" alerts, which subscribers receive whenever liberty-threatening legislation looms on the House horizon. It's an es-

pecially valuable tool for the action-oriented freedom fighter.

All those who say the "practical" world of politics requires a compromise of principle need look no further than Ron Paul's website to see they are dead wrong.

Libertarian Party

www.LP.org

Shameless self-promotion? Most definitely. But it's our list — did you really think we'd leave off our own website?

Honestly, the LP website is darned comprehensive. Simply by clicking a button, any Libertarian — or "liberty-curious" web surfer — can read the LP bylaws and platform, get a comprehensive explanation of Libertarian principles, learn about local candidates and events, purchase sales materials, and even register to vote.

Visitors can also keep abreast of party activities by signing up for the LP's "announce list" or by reading new press releases and news stories. New content is posted almost every day, and includes such stories as "Alabama LP wins major party status," and

"Congress, get off your Bass and pass the beer tax-cut bill" (a light-hearted press release about a serious topic: The federal tax on beer).

Another interesting part of the website is the "regionalization" feature. Click in the green box and information for your own state will be featured on the front page.

We also recommend taking the virtual site tour to potential members — it's a quick and informative introduction for anyone who asks "What's a Libertarian?" Afterward, they can instantly become a member online, or sign up for a free packet of more information.

Top Ten

Well there you have it: The "Top 10 Libertarian Websites."

Of course, there are more than five billion websites, so this is by no means an exhaustive list. But it is a good place to start for fledgling libertarian websurfers — and a useful reminder for cyber-savvy veterans.

(Know of a website we missed? Send it to us — along with a brief description of why it's a libertarian classic — and we'll try to mention it in a future issue of *LP News*. E-mail suggestions to: JonathanTrager@hq.LP.org.)

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Awards, appointments, & beer

■ In New Mexico, **Sue Hutchinson** has been named new Chair of the Catron County LP. In Nevada, **Brendan Trainor** has been elected new State Chair. In Pennsylvania, **Paola Sica** has been elected as new president of the College Libertarians at Penn State. In New Mexico, **Denise Griffiths** was appointed new Chair of the Otero County LP and **Elaine Poncelet** was named Chair of the Doña Ana County LP. In Texas, **Ron Hard** has been elected new Chair of the Montgomery County LP. And in New Hampshire, **Phil Greazzo** has been named new State Chair.

■ In California, **David Molony** has been named new executive director. He replaces **Juan Ros**, who resigned to take a job with a non-profit organization. In Oregon, **Richard Burke** has been selected as new executive director, while in Nevada, **Kat Schlesenger** has accepted the same position for that state party. In Texas, Clifford Williams (Justice of the Supreme Court) and Joe LaFleur (State Rep., Dist. 134) have announced for office in 2002.

■ In Tennessee, LP State Chair **Richard Pearl, Sr.** was honored with the "Ax the Tax" award from the Tennessee Conservative Union on August 21 for his role in fighting the state income tax. "We are getting recognition from unusual places — very positive recognition," said Pearl. In Pennsylvania, the Centre County LP has opened an office in the town of State College. It will be the county party's campaign headquarters for local elections in November.

■ In North Carolina, the state LP filed almost 59,000 petition signatures with the State Board of Elections on August 13. This petition drive qualifies the LP as a recognized political party, and earns them a place on the state ballot through 2004. In Pennsylvania, State Chair **Lois Kaneshiki** has been appointed to the Blair Township Citizens Advisory Committee. In California, several contested Libertarian primary races are shaping up for 2002: Former mayor of Bellflower **Art Olivier** will face off against Orange County businessman **Gary Copeland** for governor, while medical marijuana activist **Michele Kubby** will take on former state chair **Pat Wright** for lieutenant governor.

■ In Pennsylvania, 64 candidates are running for 73 local or county offices — most for judge or inspector of elections, or township supervisors. In North Carolina, 20 Libertarians have filed for local office — a new record for the party. (Previous record: 12 candidates in 1999.) In Massachusetts, **Jim Fredrickson** has filed papers to run in the special election to fill the vacant U.S. House (9th District) seat. In North Carolina, **Joe Young** has entered the race for Lenoir City Council. In Iowa, **Clyde Cleveland** has announced his candidacy for governor in 2002.

■ In Virginia, a poll of state party members revealed that 55% thought the 2000 **Harry Browne/Art Olivier** ticket performed worse than they had expected. Another 27% said the vote was about what they predicted, while 11% said the LP presidential ticket did better than expected. How to improve next time? A whopping 90% said more media coverage; 33% said more personal appearances. (Respondents could vote for more than one tactic.)

■ **Media news:** The LP's most successful press release in August: A lighthearted look at a bill that would cut the federal tax on beer in half. The release, which incorporated the brand names of 28 beers, generated 19 phone calls and three radio interviews. On journalist said the release generated "quite a brew-ha-ha." Also in August, the *Washington Times* quoted the LP in an article about the recent spate of shark attacks; the *New York Times* ran an article about prospective gubernatorial candidate **Ed Thompson**; and the *Washington Post* printed a mention of **Kenny Kramer**'s run for mayor of New York City.

■ In North Carolina, Elon University activist **Cameron DeJong** has been accepted into the N.C. Institute of Political Leadership, the state's premier candidate training program. In Massachusetts, **Craig Mathias** has been certified to appear on the ballot for a special election for state representatives (7th Middlesex District). In New Jersey, signatures have been submitted to place **Tom Abrams** on the November 2001 ballot for State Senate, and **Chris Toto** for State Assembly. In South Carolina, **Christopher A. Davis** has announced that he will run for State Representative (137th District) in 2002.



■ **Kaneshiki:**
Is appointed.

CAMPAIGN 2001 REPORT

Libertarian Craig Mathias takes on a Bay State Democratic stronghold

He has 10 years of political experience. But will it be enough?

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the town of Ashland, Massachusetts, pretty much everybody knows Libertarian Craig Mathias.

He has 10 years' experience in local government. He has served on the Cable [television] Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Fiscal Affairs Committee. And in 1998, he was elected to the local board of selectmen — becoming chairman of the board for 2000-2001.

Now, after having spent a decade building a strong base of support, Mathias is seeking to parlay his popularity into the State House of Representatives.

"I had planned on taking a little time off before getting back into politics," said Mathias. "But this is a great opportunity to continue the work I began during my years of service in Ashland."

The 48-year-old businessman is running for a vacant State House seat in the Middlesex district (population: 30,000), which is comprised of Ashland and part of Framingham.

A special election will be held on October 23 to replace a legislator who resigned to work for the speaker of the House.

No easy task

However, competing for a seat in a Democratic stronghold isn't an easy task, said Mathias.

"The Democrats have held this seat for a long time," he said. "The Republicans may not even run a candidate. Either way, this will be an especially key race, and I'm encouraged."

How does Mathias plan to wrest the seat from the Democrats?

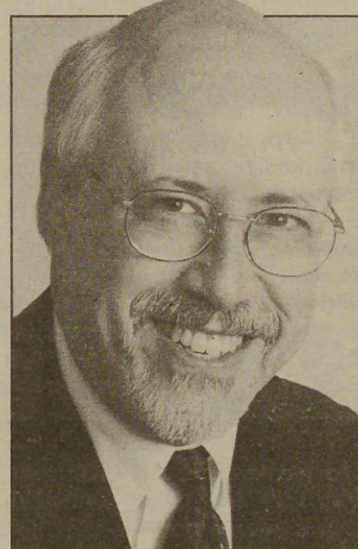
Although he won't make his strategy public, Mathias said a good part of the election would take place on one key front: The voter's doorstep. As such, he has already visited many homes.

"The responses I've gotten have been overwhelmingly positive," he said. "People really seem open to a change in the status quo, and understand I have a good grasp of the issues."

In addition, he plans to speak at local forums and put up signs.

The number one issue Mathias said he will focus on is taxation, a perennial voter complaint in the Bay State. Corollary issues, he said, include affordable housing and health care.

Mathias has also been an out-



■ **Craig Mathias:** A special election for State House seat is a "great opportunity."

spoken opponent of the state's method of funding education — arguing that it employs a confusing, redistribution formula that penalizes productive schools and rewards the incompetent ones.

"I have a degree in applied mathematics, and I can't even figure [the formula] out," he said. "If I can't do it, the average citizen won't be able to do it either, and that's a sure sign of a ridiculous government formula."

Pro-liberty proposals are the only "sustainable" solutions to political problems, said Mathias.

And during the campaign, he said, he will relish the opportunity to argue on behalf of cutting taxes and repealing regulations.

"Libertarians, Republicans, Democrats — we all have the same goals," he said. "We all want good schools, quality health care, and so forth. The difference is in the method we use to achieve those goals."

Professionally, Mathias is chairman of Communica, Inc., and is a general partner in Clarity Capital Partners II, a Boston venture-capital firm.

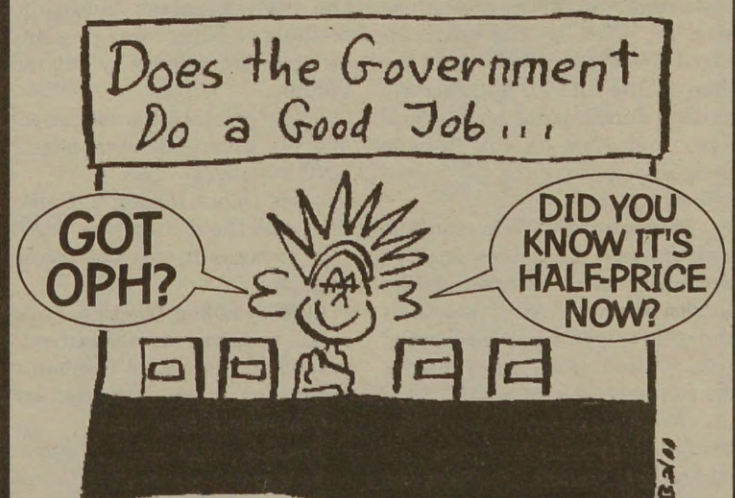
Recommendation

As a candidate with substantial prior political experience, Mathias has one recommendation for LP members who want to help produce a libertarian society: Get involved in local politics.

"The LP needs a farm team of people who work their way up to the big leagues," he said. "Encouraging people to get their foot in the door is a big step forward."

For more information, visit: www.craigmathias.org. Or call: (508) 881-8066. Or write: Committee to Elect Craig Mathias, PO Box 250, Ashland, MA 01721.

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LNC votes to censure former national director Perry Willis

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message that the party will not tolerate dishonesty.

"The resolution was believed to be needed as a statement of the LNC's view that Willis's actions were wrong," he said. "I believe the messages include: The LNC rejects the Willis deception completely [and] we take the resulting distrust seriously."

At the same meeting, the LNC also voted to admonish several members of the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign — including Browne — for not cooperating with the investigation into Willis's actions. The resolution also called on them to denounce the policy violation. That motion passed on a 10-6-1 vote.

Apology

Before the discussion of possible action began on Sunday morning, an apology from Willis was read to the LNC by Jim Babka, who had been Browne's press secretary during the 2000 campaign.

In the statement, Willis said, "I wish to express my heartfelt regret for the distraction, stress, and anxiety that my violation of the LNC's employment policy has caused you. Those actions were motivated by a driving passion to see the party succeed, and I continue to feel that the policy I violated is counterproductive to that success."

"At the same time I recognize the necessity for an organization such as ours to operate as a team, and that my personal vision of how things ought to be cannot always win the day. It is my sincere hope that the party will soon be able to move forward again, and that all of us will be able to concentrate on productive work for our cause."

It was Willis's first public statement on the matter since May 11, when he had acknowledged violating LNC policy. At the time, Willis said he had secretly written fundraising letters and other materials for the Browne campaign to "save the LP from a meltdown."

In response to Willis's online message, the LNC launched an investigation to determine who had known about Willis's actions and who might have cooperated with Willis to keep his work for the campaign secret.

During the course of the investigation, LP Chair Jim Lark contacted more than 160 people — including members of the 1996 Browne campaign team, past members of the LNC, and past LP office staff — for information. The 1996 Browne for President campaign records were also examined for relevant financial facts.

After Willis's apology was read, the LNC went into executive session to hear from the party's legal council, Bill Hall. All non-LNC members were required to leave the room.

According to Lark, the executive session was held to obtain legal advice about how to proceed during the discussion.

When the executive session ended, Lark announced that a recording device had been discovered in the room. The device was functioning, and would have recorded the closed meeting.

Liberty magazine editor R.W. Bradford — who was attending the LNC meeting — said the digital recorder belonged to him. He claimed he left the device in the room by "mistake."

Lark confiscated the audio disk and returned the recording device to Bradford.

Under Nevada state law NRS 200.650, it is a felony to "monitor or record . . . any private conversation . . . unless authorized to do so by one of the persons engaging in the conversation." The crime is punishable by one to four years in state prison, and a fine of \$5,000.

Introduced

The motion to censure Willis was introduced by Elias Israel, an At-Large LNC Representative from Massachusetts. [See sidebar for text of the approved motion.]

In his original motion, Israel called on the LNC to:

- Censure Willis for secretly working for the 1996 Browne campaign while he was LP national director.

- Acknowledge that no further evidence had been presented to the LNC about any additional wrongdoing by Willis or "any other Libertarian."

- Refuse to hire Willis as an employee or contractor for two years.

- Allow Willis and organizations he was affiliated with to continue to rent the LP's mailing list and purchase ads in LP News.

- Take "no further action" on the matter unless "additional credible evidence" was presented of other wrongdoing by any individual.

The resolution was met with sharply divergent responses by LNC members.

Joe Dehn (Region 2, California), said the motion was "insulting" because it was not forceful enough.

Mike Dixon (Region 7, Arizona), proposed an amendment to extend to five years the ban on employing Willis. It passed on a voice vote.

Carl Milsted, Jr. (Region 5 Alternate, Virginia) said the resolution was "toothless" since it still allowed Willis to rent the party's mailing list.

Lorenzo Gaztanaga (At-Large Member, Maryland) said Willis had done "something terribly wrong," and said a more severe response was warranted.

Lois Kaneshiki (At-Large Member, Pennsylvania) called for a more wide-ranging investigation, and said Willis's actions were part of a pattern of improper be-

Text of the Final Willis Resolution

Whereas John Famularo has presented evidence to the Libertarian National Committee that Perry Willis, while National Director of the Libertarian Party, performed work for the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign in violation of LNC rules,

And whereas Perry Willis subsequently admitted that he had indeed performed such work, in contradiction to his previous statements,

Therefore, the Libertarian National Committee hereby censures Perry Willis for performing said work on the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign while employed as Libertarian National Director, and for denying to his employer that he had done so.

We also resolve that neither the Libertarian National Committee nor the National Director shall engage Perry Willis or any business owned or controlled by him (collectively "Willis organizations") directly as either an employee or a contractor for a minimum period of five (5) years. Willis organizations may not directly advertise in LP News and/or rent the Libertarian national mailing list during such time period.

We further resolve that organizations (other than Willis organizations) with which Willis organizations may be affiliated or act as campaign manager may only purchase advertising in LP News and/or rent the Libertarian national mailing list subject to the terms and conditions required in the LNC policy manual for external customers.

The Libertarian National Committee further resolves that this issue is closed, and no further action shall be taken unless additional credible evidence is presented to the Committee.

havior by the national office and LP leadership that stretched back more than a decade.

Dixon introduced an amendment to extend the ban on doing business with Willis to include rental of the LP mailing list and advertising in LP News. It passed on a voice vote.

Ben Scherrey (Region 4 Alternate, Georgia) introduced a substitute motion that described Willis's actions as "fraud" and a violation of the LP's membership statement. It called on the LNC to impose a lifetime ban on business dealings with him.

JIM LARK:

"I want to thank the many people who assisted the inquiry."

After discussion, Scherrey's motion failed on an 8-8 tie.

The Israel motion (as amended) went to a vote, and passed 11-3-3.

Voting for it were Jim Turney (At-Large, Virginia), Mark Rutherford (Region 3, Indiana), D. Mark Nelson (Region 1, Iowa), Carl Milsted, Jr., Scott Lieberman (Region 2, California), Dan Karlan (Region 6, New Jersey), Elias Israel, Ed Hoch (Region 1, Alaska), Mike Dixon, Ken Bisson

(At-Large, Indiana), and Deryl Martin (treasurer, Tennessee).

Voting against it were Ben Scherrey, Lois Kaneshiki, and Lorenzo Gaztanaga. Abstaining were Joe Dehn, Steve Givot (secretary, Colorado), and Jim Lark.

Thank Famularo

LNC Secretary Steve Givot then introduced a motion to thank John Famularo for bringing forth the information about Willis, while expressing "regret" for the three-year delay in doing so.

Famularo — a Pennsylvania LP activist who had served as LP secretary from 1993-1996 and LP database programmer in 1996 — informally distributed a document to the LNC in April 2001 that suggested Willis had secretly worked for the Browne campaign. Famularo later said he had gotten the document in 1998 while doing back-ups of the party's computers.

In response to Givot's motion: Kaneshiki said she was "offended" by the resolution, and said a previous LNC had been negligent in investigating and acting on improper behavior.

Bisson said the motion was not needed.

Israel said the resolution might be perceived as punishment for a "whistleblower."

Scherrey said he opposed the resolution, and argued that Famularo did not warrant thanks.

The resolution failed on a voice vote.

Scherrey then introduced a resolution calling on Browne, Sharon Ayres (1996 campaign

manager), David Bergland (former LP Chair and 1996 Browne campaign chairman), and Michael Cloud (campaign consultant) to reveal any knowledge of — or participation in — Willis's actions. Those individuals had declined to respond to questions from Lark.

The resolution also admonished Jack Dean and Harry Browne "for their participation in aiding Mr. Willis to violate LNC policy and willfully seeking to impede said investigation." Dean ran a consulting company that did work for Browne in 1996, and had allegedly paid Willis for his writing projects.

Further, the resolution called on Browne, Dean, Ayres, Bergland, and Cloud to "denounce" the violation of LNC policy by Willis, and reject his "best interest of the party" justification for his actions.

Legal ramifications

After debate whether evidence existed that Browne and Dean had participated in Willis's actions, the LNC again went into executive session to discuss the legal ramifications of the resolution.

Following the executive session, Scherrey's motion passed by a 10-6 vote (with one abstention).

Voting for the motion were Dehn, Dixon, Gaztanaga, Givot, Kaneshiki, Karlan, Milsted, Nelson, Scherrey, and Turney. Voting against were Bisson, Hoch, Israel, Lieberman, Martin, and Rutherford. Abstaining was Lark.

Later, echoing the resolution, Lark said he was disappointed that some LP members had refused to cooperate with the investigation.

"I want to thank the many people who assisted the inquiry by providing information," he said. "I am disappointed that several people (including Sharon Ayres, David Bergland, Harry Browne, Michael Cloud, and Jack Dean) who could have greatly assisted the inquiry evidently chose not to participate."

The LNC then voted to rescind its tentative approval — passed in April 2001 — to be a plaintiff in the proposed Harry Browne lawsuit against the Federal Election Commission. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Willis is only the second person to be censured by the party in the past decade. In 1995, LNC member Tamara Clark was censured for allegedly misappropriating campaign support funds.

The LNC will take no further action on the matter, said Bisson, unless concrete evidence of additional violations is uncovered.

"I believe the door [to further action] has been closed, but not nailed shut," he said. "Any further claims of wrongdoing now require evidence rather than mere suspicion, since those who may in the future raise such claims have now chosen to withhold any supporting evidence from the LNC."

Three 'exciting political personalities' will speak at convention

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run, and received advice on how to run a successful statewide campaign as a third-party candidate.

"Ed Thompson has a fantastic, blue-collar appeal about him," said Dasbach. "We may have a Ventura-style upset come next November's elections."

■ **Sheriff Bill Masters** represents San Miguel County in Colorado. Although he is in charge of enforcing the state's drug laws, Masters has been one of the most

vocal opponents of the nation's Drug War during his 23 years in public office.

Masters, who keeps LP literature in his office in the county jail, won re-election in 1998 with 80% of the vote, and was a speaker at the national convention in 2000.

He joined the LP in 1997, having been elected to office as a Republican in the 1980s.

"Bill Masters is the only sheriff in the Libertarian Party, and he has never backed down from

EACH SPEAKER

"has a unique story to tell."

his principles," said Dasbach. "He provides a model for all LP members who are interested in running for local office."

Over the next few months,

dozens more convention speakers will be announced, said Dasbach.

"These speakers are just the first batch of what is sure to be a world-class lineup of Libertarians, and the sooner you jump on board, the better," he said. "Act quickly and register as a delegate in your state today."

The cost of delegate packages had not been determined when *LP News* went to press.

Delegates to the 2002 National Convention will elect party

officers, debate changes to the party platform, and revise party bylaws. They will also have the opportunity to attend various workshops, panels, luncheons, and entertainment events.

The convention will be held on July 3-7, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The official convention hotel is the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown.

For information, visit: LP.org/con/2002/. To register, call the Balcom Group at: (800) 272-1776.

Court ruling settles debate over Arizona LP

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Browne had won the party's nomination at the national convention, and appeared on the election ballot in the 49 other states and the District of Columbia.

The decision by the maverick Arizona LP to spurn the official LP's presidential ticket drew the ire of Libertarians across the USA.

"That kind of mess will not happen again," Zajac promised. "Our party bylaws state that whoever is elected the nominee at the national convention will be the candidate we put as president on the ballot."

Pleased

Libertarian National Committee Member Mike Dixon, the regional representative for Arizona, said he was pleased the situation had finally been resolved.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of uniting all Arizona Libertarians in the quest for freedom," he said. "That's a goal we all share, and we need to work together to make it a reality."

The schism in the Arizona LP first appeared about six years ago, when different strategic and tactical visions among members caused the party to split into two factions. The continuing disagreement spawned a series of court battles.

Now that the issue has been decided, Arizona Libertarians can finally put the events of the past few years behind them and concentrate on rebuilding the state party, said Zajac.

"We have a lot of work to do, building the party in the state of Arizona, and we can't afford to be distracted from our goals," he said. "But I'm so glad it's over."

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School Board elections: What works

Editor's note: Jeff Steinport, 22, was elected to the school board of Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 11. Here's his explanation of how he achieved his victory.

I've been telling everyone who asks me "How did you do it?" one thing: *Know Your Stuff*.

I have been attending Grand Rapids Public Schools Board meetings, public forums, and committee meetings for two years.

I've been researching as much as I could, getting district profile information, visiting schools, getting input from parents and staff, and reading everything I could on the district.

Knowledge

Know Your Stuff. Voters won't vote for you if they don't believe that you understand the issues. I had one gigantic thing working against me; my age. Everyone knows I am 22, but I made up for it with knowledge and sincerity.

Second, I would say that direct mail is the next most important campaign tactic. Not everyone gets to hear you speak, so you have to reach the voter and get your name in front of them.

I made a flyer that had one picture of myself on the front. My name was huge. In small races, the race is often solely about name recognition. Get your name in front of the person, with some personal information, as well as a few main points highlighting your views.

I had a website and my phone number on the brochure, so if voters were truly interested, they could find out more.

This flyer was sent to about 10,000 people who either were voting this year as absentee voters, or had voted last year in the school board election.

Get your voter list from the local clerk (city or county). In my city you can ask for the list of voters for a particular election, so it is easy to find out who actually votes in that election. This is particularly important for a low turnout election, like mine (8%).



By Jeff Steinport

My city also offers to e-mail the names and addresses of all the voters who had requested absentee ballots. The names came in to me as the ballots were being mailed out. I sent out about 1,700 flyers to absentee voters so that my flyer arrived the same day as their ballot. In this election, absentee voters made up about 28% of the total number of voters. To ignore them can be fatal.

Third, it is important to talk to community groups. I spoke with PTAs, the Chamber of Commerce, the NAACP, and concerned parents.

Again, this is where the "know your stuff" adage comes in. I would print up a balance sheet for the school I was speaking with to point out where budgetary savings could be realized if central administration were cut out. Everyone was very receptive, and no other candidate was even close to my knowledge level.

Yard signs

Fourth, I had 200 yard signs printed up. It is extremely difficult to get yard signs placed when no one knows you. I had a friend place around 100 of them himself.

The trick was to take his young son with him — so no one could say no. An additional 100 signs were placed around the city by other supporters.

Finally, I would like to mention a few things that didn't work.

I ran for school board last year and spent a lot of money on radio ads. Radio ads are bad for such a local race. They are very UNtargeted. Your money is much better spent on direct mail.

Unproductive

Also, and this is just for me, precinct-walking was very unproductive. I looked at the precincts that I and other volunteers walked last year and the vote totals for me were only marginally higher than the other precincts.

I would say that the effect of precinct-walking was insignificant. One candidate who walked every precinct this year came in dead last in votes — among eight candidates. Of course, your experience as a candidate will be unique to you and your race.

The single most important lesson I learned in my campaign for the Grand Rapids School Board was best summed up by President Calvin Coolidge, who once said: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not. Genius will not. Education will not. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

■ Reprinted from the July/August 2001 issue of The Michigan Libertarian.

POLITICAL TIPS

Petitioning & fair booths

■ Petitioning Trick:

"Many cities have free concerts in the park. These are great places for petitioning. It is easy to gather 40 signatures an hour while listening to good music." [Leonard Schwartz, Michigan]

■ Building a local party:

Try different things, but never get discouraged. I have had success in doing the following: 1. Holding regular monthly meetings all year long. 2. Putting out notices of meetings to the local newspapers and a regular newsletter. 3. Holding regular fundraisers or an annual dinner. [Ghazey Aleck, Michigan]

■ Working With the "Enemy":

"Last year, [our LP booth at the Bethlehem Fair] was right by the Green Party booth. When we encountered people who had no interest in living in a free society, we would send them to the Green booth. When the Greens encountered people who started ranting about the failures of government, they would send them to us. It worked out quite well, oddly enough." [James Madison, Connecticut]

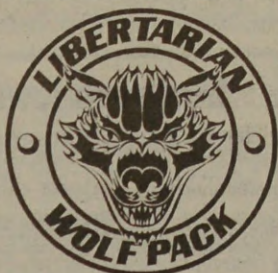
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The Forum

The causes of terrorism...and solutions

On September 11, 2001, America faced one of the most gruesome attacks on its soil. Two hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center and one crashed into the Pentagon. These acts of terrorism are believed to be connected to Osama bin Laden, who masterminded the U.S. Embassy attacks in Kenya and Tanzania. Bin Laden is believed to be hiding out in Afghanistan, where he is being sheltered by the Taliban.

In the wake of this tragedy, one is forced to ask, "Why?" Much of the rhetoric has labeled this as an attack on "freedom" or "democracy." Certainly, there are many free and democratic countries in the world. There must be some reason why the United States was singled out. Perhaps the cause lies in our involvement in Afghanistan for the last 20 years.

English territory

Afghanistan was originally an English territory, which was granted its independence in 1919. The newly-formed country established a monarchy which remained intact for 54 years. In 1973, Sardar Mohamad Daud ended the monarchy and declared Afghanistan a republic.

In the late '70s, Afghanistan became an area of strife between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. In a struggle for power, the Soviets set up a puppet leader in Afghani-

stan, who later asked the Red Army to occupy the country. In retaliation, the U.S., under the Reagan administration, secretly financed and supplied weapons to Islamic resistance groups, known as the mujahedeen. One of the most successful leaders of this resistance was Ahmed Shah Masood.

Buckling under international pressure, Soviet Union troops left Afghanistan in 1988. Four years later the Soviet-established government was overthrown by the mujahedeen. The different Islamic factions, led by Masood, fought amongst themselves during their rule of Afghanistan. In 1996, they were overthrown by the Taliban.

The Taliban imposed an iron-handed rule upon Afghanistan. By 1998, the Taliban controlled 90% of the land. The former President Burhanuddin Rabbani and Ahmed Shah Masood, the leader of the resistance, were able to retain the remaining 10% with the secret assistance of the United States. The Taliban retaliated via Osama bin Laden with the U.S. Embassy bombings.

Two weeks later the U.S. fired cruise missiles at a terrorist training center in Afghanistan believed to be connected to Bin Laden. On September 10, 2001, the day be-

By Christian Vosteen



fore the attacks on the United States, Ahmed Shah Masood was killed by a suicide bomber.

Osama bin Laden

After a review of the history of Afghanistan, it is almost certain that both the Taliban and Osama bin Laden are responsible for the terrorist attacks on September 11.

They have the motive and the

means. They wish to exact revenge on the U.S. for helping resistance groups. Although the economy of Afghanistan is small and ravaged by inflation, they have plenty of funds to carry out a war against rebels and to finance terrorist attacks on the United States.

We have been fighting a secret war in Afghanistan for the last 20 years. This intervention

was initially supposed to stop the spread of Communism, as part of the Cold War. After the Cold War had ended, we still continued to pour money and resources into the conflicts in Afghanistan. Recently, this has involved helping those who are fighting against the Taliban. It is not unreasonable to assume that the Taliban would regard us as enemies, and attack us!

It should be obvious that this is a foreign policy problem, and not one of domestic policy. Those who call for tighter air traffic controls and other restrictions are ignorant to the underlying cause of our terrorist problems. These problems are a clear result of the actions that the United States has taken in the international arena.

We have been trying to be the international policeman. This is indeed a very dangerous job. Had we avoided all international meddling, we would have few, if any, enemies. For example, Switzerland, which has remained strictly neutral in all international conflicts, has never been the target of terrorist attacks. The U.S. should try to stay out of international conflicts, rather than take sides and make enemies.

The Old World

George Washington said, before leaving office in 1796, "Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." He knew we would be asking for trouble to get involved in the ancient conflicts of the Old World.

Though the U.S.'s actions in Afghanistan are of questionable morality, it does not bestow any degree of righteousness to the mass murder of innocent civilians. Those responsible (the Taliban, Osama Bin Laden) should be pun-

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Why I'm a proud 'pro-government' Libertarian

Libertarians must decide: Are we simply "anti-government," or are we anti-tyranny?

I am a Libertarian, and I am pro-government.

I am a Libertarian, and I am pro-government. No, I have not lost my mind.

I believe in the Constitution. I believe in a government that can and will defend my unalienable rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

I support the United States' duty to protect my family and me from enemies, foreign and domestic. I desire a stable national metal-backed currency.

I support a judiciary to settle legitimate disputes over property rights, to enforce voluntary contracts, and to try criminals.

So please don't say I am anti-government. I am anti-tyranny, not anti-government.

There is nothing principled about being anti-government, and

every non-Libertarian knows it. Only utopian dreamers believe there is

no need for government. Libertarians understand that society must organize itself into a government in order to protect life, liberty, and property.

Illegitimacy

But when that government exceeds its bounds and actually denies its citizens the life, liberty, and property that it was formed to protect, it becomes tyrannical and loses its legitimacy. It is tyrannical government that we Libertarians oppose because of its illegitimacy.

The Democrats say "the era of big government is over" and expand government. The Repub-

licans win control of both houses of Congress with their "Contract with America" to shrink the government, then increase taxes and out-Democrat the Democrats.

Then we Libertarians use the same anti-government rhetoric of the Republicrats, and expect the public to recognize us as unique and principled.

When Libertarians say, "I am anti-government, won't you join me in trying to get rid of government from your life," what non-Libertarians hear is: "I am anti-United States, won't you join me in overthrowing the country you love?"

Of course, they immediately look at us and say, "Are you nuts? This is the greatest country in the world." And they are right!

Libertarians must make it clear that we abhor tyranny, not government. Every Libertarian I know is deeply patriotic and loves America. Not because America has great wealth, natural re-

sources, power and glory. Libertarians love Liberty! And America is the beacon of liberty to the world.

Because we Libertarians love our country so much, we have a special duty to use language carefully so the Libertarian message is not misinterpreted as anti-American. Libertarians must make it clear that we love America and support our country and its Constitution.

Shorthand

When we use the shorthand "anti-government" instead of "anti-tyrannical government" amongst our fellow Libertarians, we recognize no harm because we know our fellow Libertarians understand that we support the Constitutionally restricted government of the United States as it was founded.

But in dialogue with non-Libertarians, we do not have the luxury of being able to use short-

cuts and jargon. We Libertarians must use our language very precisely in order that we not be misunderstood.

Because there are so few Libertarians, it is incumbent on each of us to carefully and clearly articulate our positions to non-Libertarians. We should not soften our positions, sacrifice our values, or select less precise terms in an effort to gain wider acceptance. To do so would violate our principles.

But we can be more persuasive when we articulate our principles clearly, and avoid rhetoric that will alarm and prejudice our listener against us.

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A look at U.S. history: The seductive allure of war

A lesson for today: President John Adams' undeclared 1798 naval war against France

Is there any easier way for an American president to gain popularity than by committing an act of war against a foreign country?

Think of the elder President Bush watching his approval rating soar to 91% in the aftermath of the Gulf War, or of President Clinton bombing Iraq on the eve of his impeachment.

Presidents Bush and Clinton hardly invented this strategy. The use of war as a political instrument dates back at least to the administration of President John Adams, who launched our first post-Revolutionary military engagement with a foreign power against France in 1798. The story provides an interesting illustration of the advantages and perils of war for politicians seeking partisan gain.

Relations strained

When President Adams took office in March 1797, France and Great Britain had been fighting the French Revolutionary Wars for over five years. Relations between France and the United States were strained. France felt

that America should enter the war on her side in return for her help

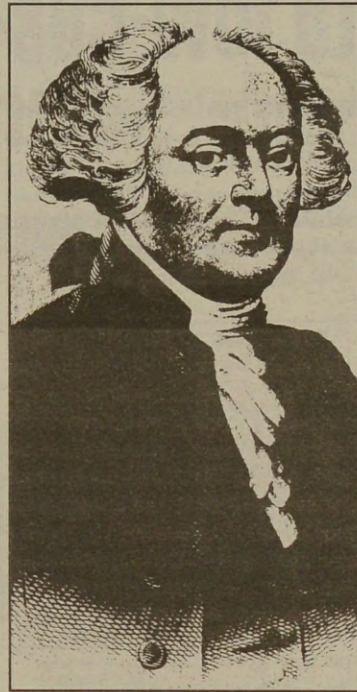
during the American Revolution, and resented the fact that the United States had granted commercial privileges to Great Britain via the Jay Treaty of 1795.

When the French navy began attacking and harassing American merchant ships, Adams sent a commission to France to protest. The French refused to even meet with the commission unless America first paid a humiliating tribute.

Word of the French demands reached America in the spring of 1798. President Adams sought and received appropriations to beef up the infant American navy, and authorized the enlarged fleet to attack the misbehaving French ships. Naval warfare began in July.

The public howled with approval, and the cold and reserved President Adams suddenly found himself an object of popular veneration. One sycophant enthused that "since man was created and

By Jim Klann



government was formed no public officer has stood higher in confidence and affection than our present President."

From a Libertarian standpoint, the action of Adams in unleashing the navy could be defended or at least debated. Libertarians hold the purpose of government to be to protect the lives, liberty, and property of its citizens, and in some cases that protection may need to be extended to citizens conducting commerce on the oceans or overseas.

The Federalist allies of President Adams in Congress, however, were not about to stop with a minimalist naval campaign. Federalist politicians, like those of both parties today, yearned at all times to increase the size and scope of the federal government. The conflict with France provided perfect cover.

Standing army

First, Congress created a huge standing army — even though the chances of a land engagement with France were exactly zero.

Officer commissions went to

prominent Federalist politicians.

Next, taxes were increased across the board, with a new stamp duty and a special federal property tax on land, houses, and slaves. The new taxes meant hundreds of new patronage jobs for loyal Federalists, and an army of assessors fanned out across the land to count windows on farm houses and ascertain the ages of slaves.

Finally, Congress headed off criticism of the new levies by passing the Sedition Act of 1798, which made "scandalous and malicious writing" or speaking which brought the President or Congress "into contempt or disrepute" a federal crime.

The Adams administration had not sought the Sedition Act but enforced it with vigor. Hundreds of citizens were arrested or intimidated, and 17 were indicted.

Targets included opposition Republican politicians, newspaper editors, and a New Jersey drunkard who quipped too loudly that a cannon trailing the President in a holiday parade could have "fired (a shot) through his ass" for all he cared.

Today's Supreme Court, even though it winks at so many violations of our civil liberties, would throw out the Sedition Act as a violation of the First Amendment. In 1798, however, the power of the Court to declare laws unconstitutional had not yet been firmly established, and federal law did not even allow criminal defendants to appeal their convictions.

The victims of the Sedition Act paid fines and went to jail.

Opposition to the Federalist taxes grew despite the intimidation. Farmers in Pennsylvania

stole assessment rolls used to collect the property tax. When federal marshals arrested the offending tax protesters, one John Fries led a band of armed insurgents who secured their release.

The Adams administration then had Fries arrested and indicted — not for obstruction of justice but for treason. Federalist judge Samuel Chase presided over his trial in so biased and overbearing a manner as to provoke his later impeachment by the House of Representatives, and Fries was convicted and sentenced to hang.

Gone too far

The Federalists had finally gone too far. The citizenry of 1800 reacted to these encroachments on liberty more forcefully than we do today. Adams lost the election of 1800 by a razor thin margin, and the Federalists were routed from Congress and never regained a majority in either House.

Adams partially redeemed himself during his last months in office by negotiating a peaceful resolution to the dispute with France and by pardoning Fries. It remained for the Jefferson administration to repeal every one of the obnoxious Federalist taxes.

Nevertheless, the Adams formula of limited warfare against unpopular enemies has remained viable for 200 years.

Today's citizenry seems less inclined to resist the high taxes and bloated military establishment that invariably accompany such a strategy.

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Terrorism: The solution

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ished. After we have punished them, we should enact a peaceful international stance:

■ Keep our troops within our borders, which would only be used in self-defense.

■ Stop sending financial aid to other governments

■ Eliminate protective tariffs and other economic sanctions. Allow universal free-trade.

Many would criticize these policies as "isolationist." So far, the United States' acting as the world's policeman has not had an iota of success. There is war, conflict, and strife throughout the world, and our interventionist policies have not changed that, and never will. The only thing these policies can do is create worldwide animosity towards America.

Hopeless idealism

At what price do we want to carry on with this hopeless idealism? How many more Americans have to die before we realize the error of our international policies?


If the United States continues to carry out a foreign policy of intervention in international conflicts, we can expect more of the same: Violence directed against American citizens. If, instead, we declare a foreign policy of peace, peace is what we will get in return.

Let us hope our government chooses peace.

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FROM THE Editor

A day in Washington: September 11, 2001

Although I work for a political party in Washington, DC, it's rare that a government policy has a major impact on my day. September 11 was such an uncommon day. It was the day terrorists hijacked four jetliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

That fateful Tuesday started in a routine fashion. I arrived at work just before 9:00, and started answering urgent e-mail. Later, I planned to send the *Liberty Pledge News* to the printer.

Reality intervened. A few minutes after 9:00, Dollie Parker, who listens to a Motown oldies station while processing memberships and contributions, informed the office that a jet had crashed into the World Trade Center. We were horrified.

A short time later, Dollie reported that a second jet had crashed into the World Trade Center. Now we were baffled. It didn't seem possible. Had something gone awry with the nation's air traffic control system?

Around 10:00 am, I got a call from an LP member. Were we planning to issue a statement? I asked: A statement about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center? No, he said. *The Pentagon*. Terrorists had struck the Pentagon, too.

We turned on the office's television.

We saw, for the first time, the scenes from New York as smoke and flames billowed out of the World Trade Center towers. The news coverage switched to the Pentagon. More smoke. More fire. More devastation.

The Pentagon is only a few miles from our office. Several of us trooped up to the roof, and peered across the Potomac River. Plumes of heavy gray smoke poured skyward, and helicopters flew in circles around the damaged structure.

You saw the news reports that followed. The stunning collapse, one after another, of the two World Trade Center towers. The shower of dust and smoke that cascaded through the streets of New York. Terrified people, covered in shrouds of white dust, fleeing the scene. Firefighters collapsing on the sidewalks. The news about the fourth jet that crashed in Pennsylvania.

My first reaction to this unfolding drama was personal. A difference in timing, some bad luck — and my family could have been included in the list of victims.

That very morning, my wife had driven past the Pentagon, a few dozen yards away from where the jet crashed. Not long ago, we had stayed at the World Trade Center Marriott Hotel. And eight days after the attacks, my parents were scheduled to fly out of Boston, where two of the jets had been hijacked.

My second reaction was ideological. As a Libertarian, I knew that decades of risky foreign policy — of thrusting ourselves into the quarrels of other nations — had spawned a payback.

No, nothing can justify the crimes of these murderous terrorists. I have no pity for thugs who slit the throats of flight attendants and crash planes loaded with highly explosive aviation fuel into buildings. But I couldn't help but wonder: Could this have been prevented? If we lived in a nation with a Swiss-style foreign policy of neutrality, would terrorists have attacked us?

I had to conclude that a Libertarian foreign policy — peace and free trade with all nations — would have dramatically reduced the likelihood of such a deadly suicidal rampage.

Events continued to unfold rapidly on Tuesday. A state of emergency was declared in Washington. Colleges and schools closed. The Watergate Building was locked down. We closed the office and sent the staff home. I stayed behind. For the rest of the day, I alternated between working and watching the TV coverage.

At 5:30, I left. As I departed the Watergate Building, I crossed Virginia Avenue. Normally, at that time of the day, it is jammed with cars as commuters hurry home. Today, it was deserted; with just one lonely car visible several blocks away.

It was like walking through a ghost town.

In fact, it was a ghost town.

Striding across the avenue, my footsteps echoed down the deserted street . . . a street populated by the ghosts of American foreign policy, come home to roost in our nation's capital, wearing halos of smoke and smelling of burnt aviation fuel.



By Bill Winter, Editor

The free market: It's the answer to low-cost, high-quality medicine

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, *LP News* will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Merrill Matthews, Jr.
HEALTH CARE NEWS

Complaints about prescription drug prices have escalated in recent months. Critics contend drugs cost too much and point to drug company profits as the reason why. They also claim the pharmaceutical industry is our nation's most profitable, and that price controls would make drugs more affordable — especially for seniors — as they appear to in Canada and some other developed countries.

As is true in most public policy debates, the issues are far more complex than the critics would make them out to be.

Profitable

The pharmaceutical industry, on the whole, is profitable. But some drug companies lose money, and many non-drug companies make more than drug manufacturers do.

The profitability claim comes from *Fortune* magazine's annual survey of the top 1,000 companies. According to the most recent survey, published in April 2000, the drug industry's median profit — the middle point between the most and least profitable of the 12 drug companies included — was 18% (profit as a percent of revenue) in 1999. Among drug companies, Amgen had the highest profit at 33%, with American Home Products the lowest, having lost 9%. Most companies reported profits in the range of 15 to 20%.

However, many companies that spend far less on research and development make more money than even the most profitable drug companies. Nabisco, for example, reported a 36% profit in 1999, according to *Fortune*.

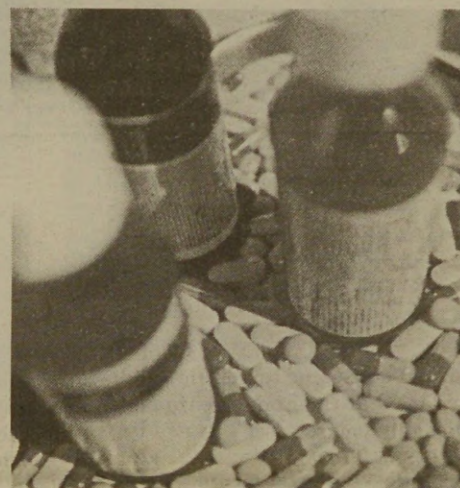
Coca-Cola — which produces a product that is competitively priced and very affordable — had higher profits than the drug industry median for most of the 1990s.

Gannett, publisher of *USA Today*, made 17% — right up there with the drug companies — and Tribune, a media conglomerate that includes the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and a number of broadcasting stations, made 46% profit, according to *Fortune*.

Software companies are im-



portant to this discussion because they, like the drug companies, are New Economy companies. They both make knowledge-based products and spend a lot of money up front researching and developing



QUESTION:

How can we offer high-quality, low-price medicine for all people?

those products.

Pharmaceutical companies spent about \$24 billion developing and testing new drugs in 2000 — about 21% of their sales, more than any other industry and twice as much as the computer software industry. However, although software companies spent less than drug companies on R & D, Microsoft reported a 39% profit last year, while BMG Software reported 28%.

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High Prices

While total spending on pharmaceuticals has been growing rapidly, averaging a 13.7% annual increase between 1995 and 1999, most of that spending is due to an increase in new products and volume of sales, not higher prices.

For example, while prescription drug sales grew by 18.8% in 1999, 14.6 percentage points of that growth was due to increased volume and new products, while only 4.2 percentage points of the increase was due to higher prices.

Drug companies aren't profitable because they charge so much; they're profitable because they make products that patients and their physicians want.

Patents?

In many other industries — the soft drink industry, for example — copyrighted, patented, or trademarked products compete strongly, are heavily advertised and priced low, and still their manufacturers earn high profits. But nobody bemoans that fact . . . because they aren't prescription drugs.

The drug industry is highly competitive. No drug company has more than 7.2% of the U.S. market. For example, among the top 20 advertised prescription drugs in 1998, four were competing allergy medications.

True, the prescription drug market doesn't work exactly like a normal market, but that's primarily because physicians, who don't have to pay for the drugs, issue prescriptions for patients, who are usually insulated from the cost of drugs by their insurance.

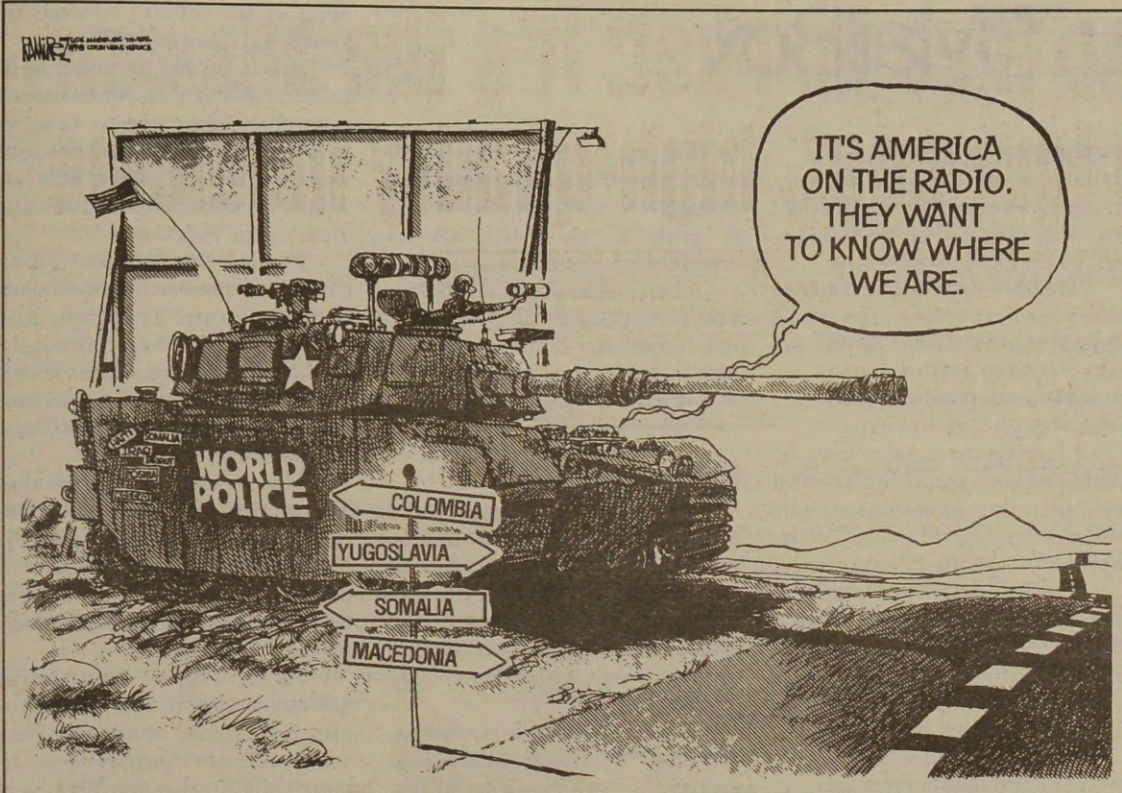
The prescription drug industry could be even more competitive than it is today — which would have a price-lowering effect — if the industry faced fewer regulations, and if consumers demanded value for their drug dollars. Both are possible, but only if policy changes are made.

Advertising

Every Sunday newspaper is filled with advertising flyers for department stores, office products, computers, cars, food, and clothing. Yet no one complains they can't afford food because the grocery stores advertise. And does anyone really think they would be able to get a computer for less money if none of the computer manufacturers and retail outlets advertised?

Drug companies are increasingly advertising direct-to-consumer (DTC). In just 10 years, spending on DTC advertising by

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The Mail Box

■ Hand-wringing rhetoric

[In response to the terrorist attack of September 11, the Libertarian Party released a statement that said in part: "Action should not be taken that will cause innocent people in other countries to be killed because of the actions of terrorists."]

[See full text of the statement starting on page 1 of this issue.]

In case the party's leadership hasn't noticed, America is in a real live shooting war.

People — even innocent people — die in war. It is a painful and unavoidable byproduct of being forced to take the ultimate last resort of waging war. Don't forget: Self-defense is never the initiation of force. It is the only means by which violent conflict can be resolved once violence has been perpetrated by an irrational, outlaw aggressor.

The "debate club" mentality that has only served to marginalize the Libertarian Party for so long cannot be implemented as a resolution to this conflict.

The well-known shooting phrase "always know your target and what's beyond" is more than apropos as America exercises reasoned caution in its military response, but please refrain from slipping into the hand-wringing rhetoric of left-wing defeatism in future press releases.

This political party's future may depend on it.

— PHIL MURPHY
Tucson, Arizona

■ Accurate, intelligent

I thank the Libertarian Party for such a warm and well-thought out statement that is accurate and profoundly intelligent.

It serves as an example of the intelligent insight that the party

has on causes of terrorism, and this is what the mainstream media sadly lacks.

— JESSE THOMAS
Chula Vista, California

■ Role of government

Remember the World Trade Center and the countless innocent lives that were taken from us!

The #1 legitimate role of government is to protect its citizens, and now we must all come to-

THE PARTY HAS intelligent insight on the causes of terrorism the media sadly lacks.

gether to support the United States government in its effort to track down the perpetrators of this heinous act.

These cowardly terrorists have awakened a sleeping giant, the United States, and this giant now has unanimous public and world support to seek the annihilation of the terrorists, the causes they represent, and those who choose to harbor them.

Our prayers go out to all the victims of this cowardly action, to their family and friends, and to the United States of America.

— GEORGE MULLEN
Fairfield, Connecticut

■ Tragical trade

I called home Tuesday morning to see if my wife had heard the news. "Yes" was the tear-filled

answer. Realizing her shaken condition, I asked her to call off home school for the day.

Although the terrorist attack had us both disturbed, she was particularly outraged at the indictment of our freedom coming from the major news media. Admittedly, I didn't notice it at first. She pointed out how the reporters were blaming our freedom for this tragedy as if terrorism is the price of freedom. I've since heard several reporters indicate that "If someone's going to kill themselves, there's nothing you can do."

To the contrary. It is our erosion of freedom that made this tragedy possible. Had law abiding citizens been allowed the freedom to protect themselves, this would never have happened.

Just because someone is willing to die for their cause does not make them bulletproof.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Those who would trade their liberty for security will, in the end, have neither." We have before us the tragic consequences of that very trade.

— ERIC MERRELL
Bainbridge, Indiana

■ Greatest threat

We are at war, whether we like it or not. This was an attack on freedom and all the values that libertarians hold dear.

Libertarians have seen our own government as the enemy for so long that we are paralyzed with indecision. However, as bad as the government is, they are better than the enemies we really do face now.

Also, the government is not beyond redemption. If they heed our clarion cry and fight for the

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ThePulse

Run, Libertarians, run!

Were it not for a handful of votes, pigs would be flying and Hell would be freezing over.

That's because this month's unscientific Pulse survey came ever-so-close — within 5.2% — of generating a unanimous response from Libertarians. And getting Libertarians to agree unanimously on anything is as difficult as, well, getting Bill Clinton to tell the truth. (OK, maybe not *that* difficult.)

In the most lopsided response ever to a Pulse question — "Should the LP sit out races when our candidate might cause the lesser of two evils to lose?" — an astonishing 94.8% answered with a resounding, "No!"

The most common reasons given for that answer: The lesser of two evils is *still* evil; we'll never become a major party unless we compete in every possible election; and the only way to force other parties to become more Libertarian is by causing them to lose more races.

On the other side of the fence, a lonely 5.2% said "Yes." Their basic argument: An LP candidate might cause, say, a "not-bad" Republican to lose, and elect a socialist Democrat. But that argument was as rare as a chicken at a KFC convention.

Here is a representative sampling of the responses:

■ We should compete in every race we can. Not doing so gives the lesser of two evils a free ride. Running in every race builds credibility and experience.

— DAVID AITKEN, Denver, Colorado

■ Republicans and Democrats wouldn't even consider such a silly question. We need to concentrate on winning every race we can and start thinking of the Libertarian Party as a major political party. How can we expect non-Libertarians to believe in us, if we don't believe in ourselves?

— TIM NORTON, Carbondale, Illinois

■ Even the most freedom-loving Democratic or Republican politician can be improved upon — therefore, any competition we can offer can only benefit us and those fellow citizens who are not yet Libertarians.

— KEN PARMALEE, Morrow, Georgia

■ I did not leave the two "major" parties to join one whose strategy was to "influence" them. I joined kings, not pawns. Run in all races!

— RON CARCICH, Fullerton, California

■ There is no lesser of two evils when it comes to Democrats or Republicans. They are from the tax-regulate-and-spend party. The LP should compete in every election it can, giving the voters a true option for change.

— MICHAEL LINDER, Edgewood, Maryland

■ Democrats are Big Government. Republicans are Big Government. Big Government is the problem. Small Government is the solution. Libertarians are small Government. Run Libertarians everywhere!

— JAMES MAYNARD, Keene, New Hampshire

■ The fastest way to get either party to adopt some of our libertarian themes is to make them lose at the polls. If they lose and hurt enough they will eventually get the message and change their platform.

— RONALD L. GOODMAN, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

■ "Sitting out a race" could also be described as "picking your battles." The "lesser of two evils" campaign slogan is also overdue for rehab. It helped elect Maria Cantwell — a voice for more government involvement in health care. This election also changed the balance of power in the U.S. Senate. What's our next project? Sending Hillary Clinton to the White House?

— MARIE HEINS, Olympia, Washington

■ This is a no-brainer. How is the Libertarian Party supposed to grow if we don't run candidates in every possible race? If the public doesn't see us and hear us, the public doesn't know we exist.

— BOB BROWN, Vancouver, Washington

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■ We have no way of knowing in advance which evil will be the lesser of the two. Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist is a Republican and tried to impose an income tax and boost spending for health care. His Democrat rivals voted him down. How would that story have played out if the LP had given way to the "lesser of two evils"?

— STEPHEN J. BAKER, Minneapolis, Minnesota

■ Most Republicans are only marginally better than most Democrats. They have done nothing to reduce the impact of government. Instead, they have colluded with the Democrats to make it even bigger and more oppressive. We must make these hypocrites understand that if they can't walk the walk, we will.

— JOHN MARTIN, Wetumpka, Alabama

■ If the Republicans are that concerned that a so-called socialist Democrat would beat their candidate, let them support *our* candidate. We have had the same platform for 25 years. It is the Republicans that have caved into the socialist agenda.

— BILL KENYON, Las Vegas, Nevada

■ We are a political party. What does it say to the world if we don't run as many candidates as we can? We are emerging as the deciding factor in many close races and are gaining more success in local races. Running a full slate of candidates will only help us.

— RICH TOMASSO, Nashua, New Hampshire

■ The Libertarian Party should run candidates in every single race whenever possible. Unless the incumbent has a near 100% libertarian voting record.

— PHILIP HEATH, San Pedro, California

Dec. Question: Response to Terrorism?

On September 11, 2001, America was transfixed and horrified when terrorists hijacked four jetliners and smashed three of them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in a bloody suicide attack. As *LP News* went to press, the final death toll was not known, but is sure to number in the thousands. Even before the fires had subsided and the rescue efforts had ended, there were demands for action: Declare war. Fire cruise missiles. Attack or invade Arab nations. Increase airport security. Pass new "anti-terrorism" laws. Allow more wiretapping and surveillance. For Libertarians — who value civil liberties and limited government — these demands were troubling. But are they necessary to protect the nation against remorseless suicidal killers?

■ Question: From a Libertarian perspective, what should the United States do in reaction to the September 11 terrorist attacks? Or about the problem of terrorism in general? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: November 8, 2001

Nov. Question: Ideological tolerance?

In Virginia, LP gubernatorial candidate Bill Redpath was accused of being a "sell-out" because he said the government should conduct background checks to stop criminals from buying guns. In the September MailBox, someone was accused of being "un-Libertarian" for supporting laws banning automotive cell phones. And in online libertarian discussions, there is constant debate about the ideological "purity" of LP candidates, press releases, and so on. Are these examples of a party with a healthy desire to maintain its principles? Or of a party overly obsessed with doctrine and prone to witch hunts?

■ Question: Is the LP too ideologically rigid? Do we spend too much time attacking each other — or is such vigilance needed to keep the party from becoming ideologically wishy-washy? (Keep answer to 100 words or less.)

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principles we cherish, the very principles we have been attacked for, then they will be ready to listen when the fighting stops.

This is a fight against people who believe that everyone else is a devil that must die. To the extent that any government in the world is comprised of people like that, it must cease to exist.

I believe that, right now, the best hope for freedom in the world lies with our government, our military, and our allies around the world, the so-called democracies.

The greatest threat to freedom now lies outside our borders, and if the people of America fight for libertarian principles, they will adhere to them themselves when the fighting is over.

We must stand with our government and the American people now, and help them to understand what they are fighting and why, so they will know what is the right thing to do, now and in the future.

— BLAY TARNOFF

New York, New York

Committed to principle

In Steve Dasbach's September 2001 [From the Director] column, "A Party of Principle . . . or One of Intolerance?" he asks: "Should we demand that our Libertarian candidates toe the party line on every issue? Or is it enough that they generally support moving in the right direction?"

However, the example he used of not toeing that line, i.e., Bill Redpath's one minor deviation on gun laws, which Redpath had no intention of promoting with his campaign, is not what concerns most libertarians committed to principle.

Of greater concern are activists with an incomplete understanding of libertarianism, or a disregard for its principles, using the party to actually promote one or more pro-government positions, be it extensive gun controls, government-financed political campaigns, a national sales tax, new taxes and regulations on "legalized" drugs, support for their favorite foreign beneficiary of U.S. aid, outlawing abortion, or protecting the government agency for which they work or from which they benefit. Such campaigns can be very divisive.

Of equal concern are individuals who want to build a moderate Libertarian Party and consider libertarian activists and candidates who hold more hardcore positions to be a threat

to that goal. These individuals often infer or state that since long time libertarians were never able to "grow" the party they are not credible organizers or candidates.

Such behavior is disruptive and demoralizing, driving away the committed libertarians who are the backbone of the party.

— CAROL MOORE

Washington, DC

A Borg colony

The column by Steve Dasbach brought out some valid points. The elephants and asses disagree on a few issues, and Libertarians are doing themselves a great injustice by becoming a single-minded mentality like a Borg colony.

If we persist in dictating exactly how each Libertarian must act, think, and feel, we are no better than the departments of Education, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, and especially, the media that choose only to report information on the Republicans and Democrats.

— DAVID HELFTER

Fargo, North Dakota

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Bumpersticker power

Recently, I had the first-time privilege of serving as a juror in a criminal trial.

During the selection process, the defense attorney asked if any of the prospective jurors had bumper stickers on their vehicles. I answered, "Yes, Harry Browne for President 2000."

Much to my surprise (and

delight), the defense attorney responded, "Libertarian?"

It was indeed an honor to be selected as one of six jurors among a group of 22 prospects, to serve in a trial in which the defendant was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence.

Despite the fact that I look like a cross between Willie Nelson and Benjamin Franklin, and proudly proclaimed, vociferously, my Libertarianism, I was viewed, evidently, by both the prosecutor and defense attorney to be an honest, decent citizen.

The moral of this story is that one can find many avenues to enlighten the general public on the Libertarian Party. I for one will not remove my bumper sticker until the 2004 stickers are available.

I urge all LP members to take full advantage of every opportunity that comes randomly your way to educate those who are unaware of our presence. Viva freedom!

— BARRY ROWE

Melbourne, Florida

True compassion

Steve Damerell made many excellent points in his September article tackling the problem of Libertarians being painted as "selfish." [The Forum]

This is a problem that we should be able to easily fix. Instead of taking a defensive position against such accusations, we should point out that we are in fact the true peace candidates — the only party that takes a vow against using force!

Yes, we want our freedom. But we are the only political party with the courage and compassion to grant the same freedom to others, rather than jealously keeping it for a chosen few. We are the only Americans to denounce the conceit of those who claim that they can handle freedom, but others are too stupid to be given choices.

We are clearly the party that cares most about the poor — we want to leave money and choice in THEIR hands, rather than lining the pockets of politicians with hard-earned wages. If the other

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parties really cared about the poor, why do we still have poverty after so many decades of waiting for Republicans and Democrats to fix the problem?

If a voter really cares about the poor, shouldn't she vote against a system that has perpetuated poverty?

These are the kinds of questions Libertarian candidates need to ask voters, BEFORE they're cast as "selfish."

Virginia gubernatorial candidate Bill Redpath's campaign slogan is "Anything That's Peaceful."

I think that's a good start towards repositioning the LP as the only truly compassionate political party.

— NOELLE STETTNER
Falls Church, Virginia

Not successful

In his letter "After prohibition?", [September 2001] Patrick Groff is critical of Libertarian activism to repeal current drug laws because Libertarians do not stipu-

late "explicitly how society will protect children from gaining possession and use of drugs that adults find easy to obtain and imbibe."

I would like to point out to Mr. Groff that the drug war has not protected us, and in fact drug use among our children is rampant.

The evidence of this is frequently in the news. In August, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University released the results of a survey. These results show that 60% of high-schoolers and 40% of middle-schoolers said drugs were "used, kept and sold on their campuses."

I would like Mr. Groff to explain to me what it is about the current U.S. policy of prohibition that is so "successful."

The drug war helps sustain a black market which generates \$400 billion annually according to a 1998 United Nations report. That money is used to buy lots of weapons, bribe lots of police and officials, support bloody conflicts

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in other countries, etc.

Even though America is valiantly resisting, reason has begun to overtake the countries at our borders and overseas.

What our social policies might look like after prohibition can be seen in places like Portugal, which decriminalized all drugs in July of this year.

It can be seen in Canada, which has already decided that to deny sick people access to marijuana is unconstitutional.

It can be seen in Europe, where the realization has dawned that reducing the harm from drugs is what is important, and that prison is something that increases harm.

— LARRY NICKERSON
Fort Worth, Texas

Best ever issue

I just wanted to write to say that the August issue of *LP News* was one of the best ever.

I don't know if you're doing anything differently, but I thought this month was just jam-packed with useful articles and commentary and great news stories and features. It's actually useful as an outreach piece.

I plan on showing it to a few friends who are sitting on the political fence. Keep up the good work!

— RICH TOMASSO
Nashua, New Hampshire

Flawed FairTax

Among the many flaws in Steve Sass' proposed "FairTax" [The Forum, August 2001], the most glaring is that it is not Libertarian.

The Libertarian Party should never be in the position of advo-

cating the creation of a new tax, even one that would replace a much larger and oppressive income tax, or move us in the "right direction."

Libertarians don't advocate the initiation of force! It's right there in the pledge in we all signed.

— JIM LESZYNSKI
New York, New York

Another federal check

While I totally agree with Steven Sass that the tax code needs serious overhauling, I question the wisdom of another government bureaucracy sending out checks.

Who is going to decide how much money a family or person needs to get by? The same folks who brought you the Post Office and toilets that don't flush.

I think the flat tax idea has more merit, but I'm not going to hold my breath.

— NICK LIPSCHULTZ
Boca Raton, Florida

Down to zero

A sales tax on food is not a "fair tax." I'll agree to no sales tax on anything used, but we can't eat

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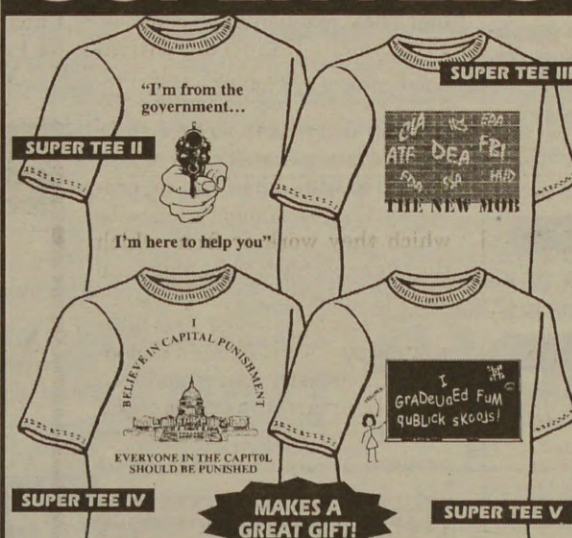
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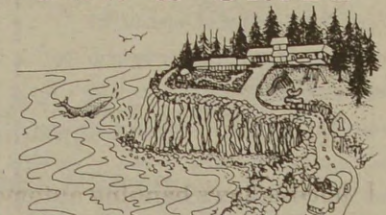
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pharmaceutical companies has increased from \$55 million (1991) to an estimated \$1.8 billion in 2000. Most of that growth came after 1997, when the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) loosened its restrictions on DTC ads.

Critics claim advertising drives up the cost of drugs. In fact, those ads create more informed consumers and eventually may lower drug costs.

Prior to the change in FDA guidelines, 41% of the physicians surveyed by IMS Health said they had observed an increase in patients' requests for brand-name drugs. After the change, 65% of the physicians surveyed noticed an increase in brand-name requests.

That is precisely the type of consumer behavior we want to encourage.

Increasing consumer awareness, information, and demand is the first step in the market process that eventually can lead to price competition among drug manufacturers.

Price Controls?

Many critics of the drug industry contend that the quickest, most effective way to ensure Americans have access to affordable prescription drugs is to impose price controls, as many other industrialized nations, including Canada, have done.

While it is true that residents of countries with prescription drug price controls pay less for some drugs, they pay more for others... if they can get them at all. For example, an April 1999 comparison of drug costs in several countries by Prof. Patricia M. Danzon of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business found that "Canadian prices are between 13% lower and 3% higher than the U.S., depending on the price index used."

Moreover, generic drugs, which make up 45% of the American prescription drug market, tend to cost more in Canada than in the U.S.

However, the biggest problem may be access. According to Dr. William McArthur, a Canadian

physician and formerly the chief coroner in Vancouver, between 1994 and 1998 the Canadian government considered some 400 new drugs but "ruled that only 24 — or 6% — were substantial improvements over their predecessors."

In addition, each of the 10 Canadian provinces has a review committee that must approve any new drug for the province's formulary. "Of 99 new drugs approved by the federal government in 1998 and 1999, only 25 were listed on

the Ontario formulary," according to Dr. McArthur.

Since Canadians must pay out-of-pocket for unapproved drugs, demand is low, and pharmacies have little incentive to stock them. As a result, many Canadians travel to the U.S., paying out-of-pocket to get the drugs they need.

Conclusion

While it is true that many prescription drugs are expensive, those drugs and the millions of dollars in research that created them benefit millions of Americans every day. If we want that research to continue, we must re-

alize that drug company profits aren't a problem — they're the solution.

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used food.

We should be eliminating taxes, not adding new ones!

What's to stop the 23% sales tax from increasing? Many states' sales taxes started at 1%. I'll agree to 23% if it's mandated that it be reduced 1% every year until it's zero.

— ED HUGHES

Fort Lee, New Jersey

■ Maher the hippie

I knew it! Bill Maher is a stereotypical hippie who only cares about drugs, "F" words, dangerous cinema, and girls [News Briefs, September 2001]. I cannot watch his show because I get either confused, stupefied, or just simply angry.

— CHRIS COX

San Marcos, California

■ Why government is big

The United States government got so big for two reasons.

The first reason is when things get bad, people of this country, like so many others, turn to their government for help — rather than themselves. For example, when so many countries were suffering from the Great Depression, many countries let ruthless politicians take over their lives.

Now the year is 2001 and people are tired of big government, but just don't know how to get rid of it.

Our state and federal governments have laws that support the two-party system, which is really a one-party system supporting big government. Third parties like us — the Libertarian Party — don't have the law on our side, but we do have the Constitution on our side.

The other reason why government got so big is because politicians never even come close to following the Constitution. It's not totally the politicians' fault for tearing up the Constitution; we the people gave them the power to do so.

Now, some people are tired of big government and are supporting the Libertarian Party in our battle. I think our Founding Fathers would agree that a major reform is needed.

It's time we bring our government back to what our Founding Fathers died and fought for.

— MICHAEL WILSON JR.

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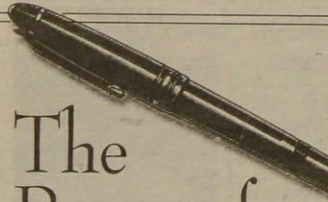
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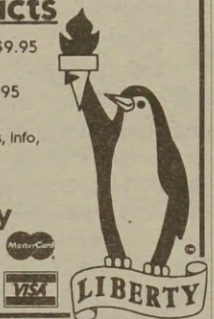
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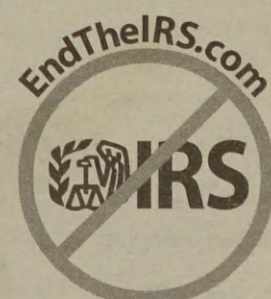
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Connecticut LP Convention, Masonic Temple, Meriden. Speakers include Sharon Harris (President of Advocates for Self-Government) and Elias Israel (candidate for 2002 national LP Chair, current Massachusetts LP State Chair). For information, e-mail: jamadison@lpct.org. Or visit: www.LPCT.org.

■ October 6-7, 2001

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■ October 20, 2001

Colorado LP Fourth Annual Awards Banquet, Embassy Suites Hotel, Colorado Springs. Speakers include John Ross (author, *Unintended Consequences*). For information, call: (719) 596-6799. Or e-mail: ELPasoLiberty@aol.com. Or visit: www.LPEP.org

■ October 25-28, 2001

Cato University Seminar, Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Speakers TBA. For information, call: (202) 218-4633. Or visit: www.cato-university.org.

■ October 26, 2001

The Triumph of Liberty: The Heartland Institute's 17th Anniversary Benefit Dinner, Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Speakers include Linda Chavez (president, Center for Equal Opportunity) and Mark Skousen (author and investment advisor). For information, visit: www.heartland.org. Call: (312) 377-4000.

■ October 27, 2001

New Hampshire LP Convention, Holiday Inn, Concord. Speakers include State Representative Steve Vaillancourt (L-Manchester) and Richard Winger (*Ballot Access News*). For information, call Rosalie Babiarz at: (603) 523-8315. Or e-mail: rosalie@endor.com.

■ November 2-5, 2001

Libertarian International Fall Convention, Prague, Czech Republic. Speakers TBA. For information, visit: www.libertarian.to

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■ November 16-18, 2001

SepCon2001 (Annual Conference of the Alliance for the Separation of School & State), DoubleTree Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Speakers include Marshall Fritz (Alliance for the Separation of School & State) and Joseph Sobran (columnist). For information, call: (888) 338-1776. Or visit: www.SepSchool.org/SepCon2001.

■ February 15-18, 2002

California LP Convention, Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria. Speakers TBA. For more information contact: B.J. Wagener: (805) 928-1100. Or e-mail: bjwagener@hotmail.com.

■ March 8-10, 2002

Washington LP Convention, Hilton Hotel, Bellevue. Speakers TBA. For information, call: (206) 329-5669. E-mail: director@lpws.org.

■ March 9, 2002

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First Word

"When things went wrong in ancient times, our pagan ancestors tried to appease the gods by destroying that which they held dearest, hoping that their sacrifice would purchase their safety. In modern times, we sometimes resort to the same practice — though what we are asked to place on the altar is not a goat, or even a child, but our freedom.

That's what happened after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, when we enacted the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, which drastically enhanced the power of law enforcement in all sorts of ways. Though even proponents of the act admitted that nothing in the law would have done anything to prevent the Oklahoma City bombing, we still wound up passing the act.

"After TWA Flight 800 went down, initial beliefs that the crash was an act of terrorism (a theory eventually disproved) made Americans willing to accept new 'security' regulations. Those new regulations would not have prevented that disaster, and they did not prevent [the] terrorist attack against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"I have no doubt even as I write this, that longstanding bureaucratic wish lists are being transformed into 'essential' anti-terrorist precautions.

"This sort of overreaction is exactly what terrorists want. Make no mistake. They hate us not because of what we do but for what we are: rich, free, and happy. To the extent that we give away our freedom in the vain hope that its sacrifice will purchase us a little security, we are playing into their hands."

— GLENN H. REYNOLDS, Fox News, September 12, 2001